

Join Our Hearts

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Join our hearts and minds to-gether, sing-ing in this place,

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Spi-rits grow-ing with cre-a-tion, heal-ing through God's grace!

Prayers of Intercession:

As we meditate on our historical,
current and future relationships with the Indigenous peoples of this,
our home on Native Land,
let us join our hearts and minds together,
singing in this place, spirits growing with creation,
healing through God's grace.

Incomparable Creator, from nothing you made each human being,
you made each mountain and valley,
you routed each river and stream.

Though, in human terms:

Indigenous children were taken from their families to residential schools,
Cultures and languages were raped, pillaged and destroyed under claims of civilization,
Indigenous women and girls go missing and murdered ...

Though these things happen in human terms, for you, Creator not one is missing, not one is lost.

You call each person, each culture, each nation by name.

Help us to find our strength as sojourners on the reconciliation journey, in YOU.

Sung congregational refrain:

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Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Counsellor:

help us in the work of discernment,
between the seductive, politicized concept of reconciliation,
lived between the pages of books, and likes and follows on social media.
Help us in the work of discernment,
towards real initiatives of real relationships with real people.
Give us courage for the encounters,
Give us humility for the address of hurts: both historical and current,
Give us patience, love and compassion.
Show us how to use the tools and examples of Jesus.

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Jesus, you join us for this journey.
You are the sojourner's exemplar:
Caring not for the establishment of empire,
But reaching, rather, for the hardened hearts of the privileged,
and the hurting hearts of the marginalized.
You are the signatory on our reconciliation with God, with Creation, with each other.
In you, it is done.
As your followers, living in THIS age,
empower us to be ushers of your Kingdom: the divine Kingdom of justice, peace and love.
Protect us from capitalist system thinking, from the industry of political correctness.
Direct us into one family, bound by compassion, mercy and love.
Grant us trust in the powerful, creative moral imagination you offer onto us.

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We dare to ask for much in these prayers, trusting in you, Divine One:
to fill in our blank spots,
to meet our shortfalls,
to lift us up on eagles wings,
in Jesus' precious & Holy name. Amen.

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