

Prayers of Penitence

Leader: God spoke through the prophet Amos:
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

(Amos 5:23,24)

For sins which we ourselves have committed and for sins of omission,
for sins of our hands and sins of our hearts,
for the hurt we have caused you and our neighbours through ignorance or indifference
(Pause briefly for silent reflection) O God of Abraham,
We ask your forgiveness

For failure to see your image in someone who is different
(Pause briefly for silent reflection) O God of Sarah,
We ask your forgiveness

For putting our own welfare and social comfort above the basic needs of others
(Pause briefly for silent reflection) O God of Jacob,
We ask your forgiveness

For our reluctance to get involved
(Pause briefly for silent reflection) O God of Rachel,
We ask your forgiveness

For being grateful that we are in some way superior to another
(Pause briefly for silent reflection) O God of Leah,
We ask your forgiveness

For teaching that it is better to receive than to give
(Pause briefly for silent reflection) O God of Sinai,
We ask your forgiveness

For the failure of your Church to be light in the darkness
(Pause briefly for silent reflection) O God of Calvary,
We ask your forgiveness