# Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Contemplative Prayer for Reconciliation and Healing from Racism

Every Friday from 12:15-12:45 PM 812 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee

# Join us in person at the Cathedral Every Friday at 12:15 PM for this 30 minute communal contemplative prayer with the intention of reconciling and healing racism in our city.

Feel free to pray privately wherever you are in solidarity with those gathered at the Cathedral if you are not able to join in person.

# **Prayer for Centering**

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

# Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

#### Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

#### Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

#### Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

# Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

#### Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

#### Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Amen.

#### Invitation to Silence

God's mercy endures forever. (Psalm 136)

# Closing Prayer - Psalm 136

Praise the LORD, for he is good;

for his mercy endures forever;

Praise the God of gods
for his mercy endures forever;
Praise the Lord of lords;
for his mercy endures forever;
Who alone has done great wonders,
for his mercy endures forever;
Who skillfully made the heavens,
for his mercy endures forever;

Who spread the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures forever;
Who made the great lights, for his mercy endures forever;
The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures forever;

The moon and stars to rule the night, for his mercy endures forever.

# Weekly Reflection Questions

Where am I called into deeper reconciliation as it relates to racism? Do I need to forgive or make things right with another? Do I need to forgive myself?

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