

LITANY AND CONFESSION OF SIN

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Right now

Dr. King said: The ultimate tragedy is not oppression by bad people but the silence over that by good people.

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He also taught us: One who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as one who helps to perpetrate it.

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Dr. King – one more time: One who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

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The prophet Amos calls out: Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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*The psalmist says: God commands that justice be done!
Wake up God! Assemble the people around you.*

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*The prophet Isaiah instructs us: You are called to repair
the breach and to restore the streets to live in.*

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*Jesus calls to us: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake.*

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*Forgive us for failing to recognize and address racism in our lives, in our
community, in our church, and in our hearts. Forgive us when we act afraid
of people who look different than we do. Forgive us for judging people we
have never listened to. Forgive us for believing that racism was an issue that
was ever sufficiently addressed by our nation, our society, our churches, our
families, or ourselves. Forgive us for both hateful words and careless words.
Forgive us for not shutting up and instead listening. Forgive us for cowardly
silence when we see or hear racism. Forgive us for living as if the color of our
light skin entitles us to power and privilege we have done nothing to earn.*

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*God, change our hearts and minds. Humble us in your sight and in the sight
of our sisters and brothers. Make us open to listen deeply. Help us to
show up and speak up. Use us to fight for justice and accountability.
Send us out as your disciples of love.*

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