LITANY FOR A BETTER WORLD

God of boundless love, trusting in you we ask:
do not allow our rich diversity to be a source of division,
but fashion us into the one colorful human tapestry you imagined;
root out all forms of racism from our society and institutions;
and liberate our world from any and all forms of supremacy.

God of never ending mercy, trusting in you we ask:
grant eternal happiness to George Floyd and to all those who suffered a shameful and cruel death;
wrap their families round with your restorative love and healing mercy;
and change the hearts of those who inflict senseless suffering and inhuman treatment on others.

God of unrelenting reconciliation, trusting in you we ask:
grant us endurance as we struggle for a society built on truth, and freed from all lies;
give us perseverance as we work toward a world united by love, and liberated from all hatred,
and bestow on us the resilience needed to strive for a community beaming with hope and light,
   lifted out of darkness and despair.

God of limitless forgiveness, trusting in you we ask:
pardon us for any wrongs we did unto others;
grant us the grace to seek forgiveness and to forgive;
and bring healing to any relationships that are strained or broken.

God of everlasting peace, trusting in you we ask:
calm our troubled hearts and grant us peace of mind;
quiet our anxious thoughts and clothe us with serenity;
soothe our weary souls and embrace us with your love.

God of endless compassion, trusting in you we ask:
heal the pain of the memories that haunt us,
bind the wounds of the anxieties that confuse us,
and remove the despair that worries us.

God of justice, trusting in you we ask:
strip away all fear and suspicion of others from our hearts and mind;
flood us with your love so that in turn we may show love to others;
and strengthen our resolve to transform society so everyone may know justice and peace.

God of eternal wisdom, trusting in you we ask:
grant us kindness in all our thoughts, gentleness in all our words and generosity in all our deeds;
inspire us to fight the sin of indifference and speak out for those in need,
and guide us in ways that will bring about the world as you had imagined it.

We offer this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.