

A Call to Spiritual Consciousness - Litany
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Lord God, it was in an African garden that you created the human family.

In Eden, waters freely ran; plants, animals and all of nature were one.

Who are we that you should have made us in your image, crowned us with your glory and given us the freedom to make choices?

Through human freedom your original intent was intruded upon and violated.

From that moment of transgression and separation, you have constantly sought to find us, to forgive us, and to bring us back to you.

Lord Kyrios, forgive our disobedience.

Under watchful eye, Moses led your people out of Egypt while you guided your children through the wilderness. The Hebrew boys escaped the fiery furnace. Likewise, you guided African Americans through the perils of enslavement and brutality.

Help us forgive and lead to lives of anti-racism and reconciliation those who accept ideas of racial inferiority and prejudice.

Our leaders have taught us how to love in the face of hatred. We therefore seek reconciliation, and not revenge.

We extend love and friendship to all who, like us, are created in your image.

God, you sought to repair the damage done in the garden by sending your Son, Jesus Christ to reconcile us to you and to each other.

Thank you for the ministry of reconciliation that lifts our spirits and changes our hearts.

Help us to be reconciled with those who need peace and healing. Grant us a clearer understanding of your truth.

Give us courage to stand against those who would continue to sow evil. And may our lives point others to respect, equality, and dignity.

-taken from the African American Heritage Hymnal