

# America for Christ Litany

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**Response: Jesus, give us courage to love as you love.**

Leader: Sometimes, events around us call us not only to mourn, but also to question and in the midst of questioning to new attitudes and action.

**Response: Let us seek a way forward in this time and place as we lay before God our confession.**

Leader: God of all people, we confess all the times we divided this community into “us” and “them.” We confess the times when we thought that we were somehow, automatically, better than others. We confess the times when we tried to find a reason to distance ourselves from “those people.”

**Response: Jesus, help us answer your call to come closer to you and closer to one another.**

Leader: We confess the times when we spoke without thinking of the hurt we might cause; let a hate-filled remark go unchallenged; missed the opportunity to support the struggling, and turned our back on your call to radical love.

**Response: Forgive us; draw us into one human community; reunite us as your beloved children. Jesus, give us courage to love as you love** (Beth W. Johnston, p. 221).

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