

## **Prayer for the Success of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission**

Oh God, we praise and thank You  
for the blessings of life in Canada  
from your natural bounty and from the work of human hands.

We ask you to open our ears  
to the truths about our collective history  
being recorded at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission  
by survivors of residential schools.

We ask you to open our minds  
to the complex and subtle ways  
that past mistakes, arrogance, misuse of authority, and even sinfulness  
have damaged our social fabric  
in ways we have barely begun to redress.

We ask you to open our hearts

- that we may continue to listen  
even when the truth challenges us;
- that we may understand  
that we are heirs to a system  
that has shown itself capable of domination and cruelty,  
whether or not we personally contributed to building it that way;
- that we may commit ourselves in all humility  
to do what we can  
and support the efforts of others  
to restore our ruptured social fabric.

We pray with confidence  
that by Your grace  
we may grow into your Kingdom  
of love and forgiveness.