

## Let Us Pray

*“Oh Heavenly Father, our hearts are heavy. Broken. Please give us eyes to see and ears to hear where Your Spirit is working. Help us to see every person the way that You see them. Break our hearts for what breaks Yours, God. Let us not merely say that we love each other. Give us strength to mourn with those who mourn, to weep with those who weep. Let Your justice roll like waters. Let Your righteousness and love flow from us like rivers of living water. Purify our hearts, Lord, and fill us with genuine hunger for justice, for mercy, and for true peace. Heavenly Father, let justice and mercy start with me. In Jesus’ name, amen!”*

**- From the YouVersion Bible App**

*“Always we stand on the threshold of another moment, another hour, another day. It is by Your grace, Lord God, that we given the chance to begin again. So in these most difficult and uncertain times, with grief and illness of the most insidious kind, with those facing unemployment and life-changing challenges, with natural disasters, fear and racism’s howl, we continue with the heavy and holy responsibility of praying without ceasing. There is much to keep us on our knees and as we pray for so many, may we also include prayers for our own well-being – guarding our heart, balancing our days, and always turning to our King for strength and restoration. Amen.”*

**- Nancy Severin, Province VI President**

*"O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

**- Book of Common Prayer, Page 824**

*"Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

**- Book of Common Prayer, Page 823**

*“Lord God, we awake as different people. We see freedom differently. We pray for the grace of humility, of seeing You, sensing You in every moment of our living. And as a communion of Daughters we pray with grateful hearts for each blessing – for every liberty that graces our lives. For all those in this world who do not have such freedom, we will pray, we will work so that all of Your children will be able to eat, live, sing, rejoice, heal, create and choose. Every one. That all may know the freedom that only comes from You – true, pure and eternal. Amen.”*

**- Nancy Severin, Province VI President**

## A Poem by Susan Keith

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We remind each other to speak the truth,  
But what is truth?

We turn to the Bible to show us truth  
But miss it when we look for facts.

Two people involved in the same incident  
See two different truths  
Just ask any husband and wife.  
Thing is neither of them are the real truth.

George Floyd had a truth.  
The police officer who took his life also had a truth.  
The protestors and looters have a truth.  
The non-violent protestors have another truth,  
A truth that emerges from love.

I find that if I spend time  
In quiet reflection,  
Quietly listening to my environment,  
I learn that what I understood as truth 5 years ago  
Was not really true, but a distortion  
That emerged out of my context.

To find truth listen to the birds  
To find truth listen to the trees.

“Truth makes love possible.  
Love makes truth bearable.”\*

There is one source of truth.  
There is one source of love.  
Listen to The Source.  
Speak out of love.

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\*Rowan Williams in *A Ray of Darkness*.