

Prayers of Repentance

Oh Great God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
Just as Nehemiah prayed day and night
For the people of Israel,
I am praying for the people of the United States
Yes, and even for the world.

The people of this country
Have not kept the commandments.
We have not kept the statutes
That you gave to Moses.
And we ask your forgiveness.

We remember your word to Moses.
We have been unfaithful.
But, O Lord, hear the prayers
Of your servants who delight in your name.
Grant us your mercy.

Restore in us that justice
That treats everyone as your child.
Remind us of the love that Jesus taught.
Return us to a community of your followers.
Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us.

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Almighty God, Creator of all,
You marvellously made us in Your image;
but we have corrupted ourselves and distorted
Your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting
our neighbour. We have done wrong and neglected
to do right. We are sincerely sorry and repent of our sins.
Cleanse us and forgive us through the sacrifice of Your Son;
remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter.
We ask this through Jesus the Messiah our Lord. Amen

From the Kenyan Liturgy at Christ Church, Jerusalem

Heavenly Father, look with pity on those who are threatened by hunger, injustice, terror or death; help us to banish cruelty from our midst, strengthen those who seek equality for all and grant that every one of us may receive a due share in the riches of this land through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer of Nigeria