



Truth and Reconciliation Litany

Leader: As a Church body we take time to reflect on the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and words from Jeremiah 9:24. We listen to the words of the summary of this report as they outline the truth, justice, and healing that must take place so that reconciliation may grow and flourish in Canada. Seeking truth, justice, and healing between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada gives us an opportunity to journey into a new future.

Leader: “Reconciliation is ... about opening new healing pathways of reconciliation that are forged in truth and justice” (pg. 12).

Response: May we learn from our LORD and “exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness on the Earth” as we seek pathways of reconciliation (Jeremiah 9:24).

Leader: “Without truth, justice, and healing, there can be no genuine reconciliation” (pg. 12).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness as we seek truth, justice and healing with our neighbours.

Leader: “Canadians must ... learn how to practice reconciliation in our everyday lives – within ourselves and our families, and in our communities, governments, places of worship, schools and workplaces” (pg. 20).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice and righteousness as we explore the ways we can practice reconciliation in our daily lives.

Leader: “Canadians must remain committed to the ongoing work of establishing and maintaining respectful relationships” (pg. 20).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness in our relationships with our neighbours from all nations, tribes, cultures, and languages.

Leader: “The ultimate objective must be to transform our country and restore mutual respect between peoples and nations” (pg. 237).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice and righteousness as we find commonalities with others and develop relationships with those we meet.

Leader: “National reconciliation involves respecting differences and finding common ground to build a better future together” (pg. 269).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness as we listen to and respect worldviews that are different from our own, so that we may move towards a brighter future in Canada.

Leader: “All Canadians have a critical role to play in advancing reconciliation in ways that honour and revitalize the nation-to-nation Treaty relationship” (pg. 237).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness as we learn, explore, honour, and revitalize the history of the lands we live on in Canada.

Leader: “Reconciliation not only requires apologies, reparation, the relearning of Canada’s national history, and public commemoration, but also needs real social, political and economic change” (pg. 238).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness to advocate for social, political, and economic changes that respect the lives of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians alike.

Leader: “Governments, churches, educational institutions, and Canadians from all walks of life are responsible for taking action on reconciliation in concrete ways, working collaboratively with Indigenous peoples” (pg. 238).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness as we work alongside Indigenous peoples to speak with our political representatives, seek reconciliation in our churches, and bring a more complete history of our country into our schools.

Leader: “Reconciliation is not a one-time event; it is a multi-generational journey that involves all Canadians” (pg. 238).

Response: May we work together as children, youth, and adults to exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness.

Leader: “Reconciliation must become a way of life” (pg. 238).

Response: May we exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness in all our words and actions so that reconciliation can be seen in each of our lives.

Leader: “Reconciliation begins with each and every one of us” (pg. 238).

Response: As our LORD has taught us, may we exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness on the Earth as we each seek out and journey down pathways of reconciliation with our Indigenous and non-Indigenous neighbours.