

A Prayer on Good Friday 2018 (March 30, 2018)

On this Good Friday, we remember that your Son Jesus Christ has in his death has torn down the dividing wall of hostility (Eph. 2:14). In his death he has become our peace. We thank you for his work on the cross in breaking down the walls of enmity that divide us from you, from one another, from the creation, and from ourselves.

On this Land Day, as events take place marking the violence in Palestine/Israel in 1976, we pray that you, Triune God of grace, will stop the shooting and will tear down the dividing walls of hostility in the Middle East so that all the children of Abraham can walk the streets of Jerusalem in peace.

In this week that we remember the assassination of Martin Luther King (April 4, 1968), we pray that you, Triune God of hope, will tear down the dividing wall of racial hostility so that the dream of blacks and whites living in harmony can be realized.

In this week that we remember the start of the Rwandan genocide (April 7, 1994), we pray that you, Triune God of mercy, will tear down the dividing walls of hatred, bitterness, and anger so that Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and surrounding nations can know the healing power of reconciliation and forgiveness.

On this Good Friday open our eyes to see and our ears to hear anew the astounding news that in your son's flesh you have torn down the walls of division. Give us the hope and courage to pray for an ending of hostility and the coming of reconciliation and forgiveness to our lives, our churches, our communities, and the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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