

# Prayers for the Four Directions of Reconciliation

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## East: Self Determination

*The Anglican Indigenous Covenant  
Collect*

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

Amen.

## South: Justice

Gracious God, your Word spoken through the Prophets became the voice that proclaimed your justice and healing in Nazareth; through Jesus you invited all creation into your reconciling love.

As you freed his followers from their fear of the risks of discipleship, so move within us in your love with the strength, the compassion and courage to give of ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us through Jesus Christ, your Son.

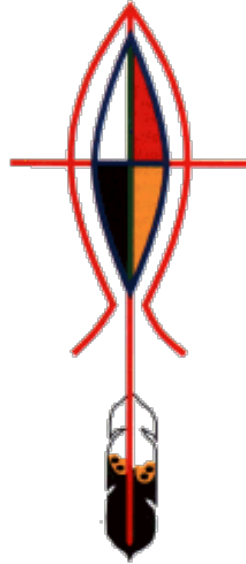
Amen.

## West: Healing

*A Prayer of Lamentation –  
Litany of the Dispossessed*

One: We found the land unoccupied ...  
except for them.

All: And they grew poor



One: while we grew wealthy.

All: They became powerless

One: while we grew powerful.

All: They were pushed aside

One: while we thanked God for land.

All: They filled our jails

One: while we thanked God for freedom.

All: They despaired

One: while we grew wealthy. Then the Lord replied: Woe to those who pile up stolen goods, and make themselves wealthy by extortion.

All: How long must this go on?

One: Woe to them who build a city with bloodshed and establish a town by crime.

All: How long must this go on?

One: Woe to them who give drink to their neighbours, pouring it from the wineskin until they are drunk so that they can gaze on their nakedness.

All: How long must this go on?

One: The Lord is in the holy temple

All: Let all the earth be silent before God.

## North: Historical Reparation

Loving God, Creator of all, maker and redeemer of history, you hold the pains and joys of our past, our present, our future; you open us to the gifts of time and the possibilities of new beginnings, and offer us the confidence to face our sin and loss with hope.

Breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness, that we may face our histories with courage, guide us by your Holy Spirit in our walk of repentance, as we turn to embrace the new life you have given to us, through Jesus Christ, your Son. *Amen*