

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR HOLY THURSDAY

*in the absence or alongside foot washing*

Leader: That we may be faithful to Christ's example of service, we pray:

Reader: Wash us, O God, of sexism, homophobia, transphobia and all forms of exclusion -- that our Church may be a place where all share equally at Your banquet table, knowing themselves to be wonderfully made in Your divine image and likeness, we pray: **Wash us, O God, and make us servants to one another.**

Wash us, O God, of nationalism, xenophobia, racism and all forms and systems of prejudice and oppression -- that our lands may be spaces of bountiful welcome, sanctuary, refuge, and opportunity we pray: **Wash us, O God, and make us servants to one another.**

Wash us, O God, of consumerism, materialism, wastefulness, and other habits and mentalities which exploit and desecrate our common home -- that Mother Earth may thrive, feeding, sustaining and providing for all creation, we pray: **Wash us, O God, and make us servants to one another.**

Wash us, O God, of ignorance, hardness of heart, self-doubt, fear and everything that keeps us from walking in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable among us, we pray: **Wash us, O God, and make us servants to one another.**

Wash us, O God, of feelings of despair and helplessness in this time of pandemic -- that we may reach out to one another in tender care and seek new and creative ways to be in communion and solidarity with each other, we pray: **Wash us, O God, and make us servants to one another.**

Leader: Pour your abundant love over us, O God, like flowing water;  
that we may be refreshed in faith and hope.  
May those who have died bathe in the light of your eternal presence;  
Give those who are sick to drink deeply of your healing energy;  
and immerse all who provide for our basic human need in your protective care.

We make these prayers, and all the prayers we carry with us, in Jesus' name. **AMEN**

Optional Song: *Servant Song* by Richard Gillard