## **Prayer to Heal Racial Division**

We thank you, O Lord, For in your loving wisdom You created one human family With a diversity That enriches our communities.

We pray to you, O Lord, That we always recognize each member of this human family As being made in your image and beloved by you, With worth and dignity.

We pray to you, O Lord, That we may envision a way forward To heal the racial divisions That deny human dignity and the bonds between all human beings.

We pray to you, O Lord That we may affirm each person's dignity Through fair access for all To economic opportunity, housing, Education, and employment.

We pray to you, O Lord, That we may have eyes to see What is possible when we reach out Beyond fear, beyond anger, To hold the hand of our sisters, our brothers.

We thank you, O Lord,
For your call and challenge to us
That we may reveal your teachings and your love
Through our actions to end racism
And to proclaim that we are all your children,
heirs to your sacred creation.

Amen.

Copyright © 2018, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All rights reserved. This text may be reproduced in whole or in part without alteration for nonprofit educational use, provided such reprints are not sold and include this notice.