

Creator God, we come to you with humility, courage, respect, and honesty as we seek to right the wrongs done to Indigenous women and girls, and to members of the 2-Spirit-plus community, the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people of Turtle Island.

We seek truth. We listen to the stories of family and friends who have lost a beloved grandmother, mother, daughter, auntie, sister, cousin, friend. Help us to face this difficult truth and to make much needed change.

We seek love. We pray for all who lives have been impacted by this trauma of death and disappearance.

We seek honesty. May those with information about these murdered and missing women and girls have courage to come forward.

We seek wisdom. May our leaders and police continue to lead and search with speed and compassion, love, and concern.

We pray for healing. May those impacted by these murders and disappearances, as well as those who face bigotry and violence, continue to hold their loved ones in care and love. May our hurting nation seek to offer support, generosity, and love to all affected by these tragic losses. May we seek to listen to stories, to look at photos, and to offer our resolve.

We ask for courage. For all families and friends who offer testimony, stories, tears, and anger. For those who continue to search. For the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people of Turtle Island who fear for the women and girls of their communities. For our nation as we face the ugly truth before us. For the Christian Churches of Canada to be people who follow the example of Jesus by welcoming all and offering peace, love, and friendship always.

We seek to be welcoming. For all people, regardless of their race, culture, orientation, beliefs, or any other category we place one another into, may we be kind, friendly, accepting of differences, and loving to all your peoples.

Creator God, you are present within us and all around us. Bring about a change in our collective hearts that transforms fear into hope, apathy into genuine concern, tragedy into a transformed society. Help us to hold Indigenous women and girls, and all easily exploited and ignored people, in our care.

Be with us, Creator God, as we do the difficult work of righting the wrongs done. Give us courage, give us honesty, make us humble, open our hearts to love more fully.

AMEN.