

# A Litany of Lament

## for people wounded by the Church and her members

For Native children stolen from their families and poisoned against their people, for the cultures destroyed and the souls driven from Jesus, we pray,

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, bring healing. Lord, let there be justice.*

For the people kidnapped and enslaved, abused by Christians and told that resistance was a sin, we pray,

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, bring healing. Lord, let there be justice.*

For the Jewish people discriminated against, forced to convert, abused, and murdered for sharing a faith with Jesus and his mother, we pray,

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, bring healing. Lord, let there be justice.*

For all people who have suffered at the hands of Catholics because they were not themselves Catholic, for fellow Christians disdained or killed, for Muslims and Hindus and Buddhists and pagans and every member of every religion abused, oppressed, robbed of their faith, forced to convert, or killed, we pray,

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, bring healing. Lord, let there be justice.*

For the children and vulnerable adults abused by priests and religious and others who claimed the name of Jesus, for those who lost peace and innocence and trust in God's Church, we pray,

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, bring healing. Lord, let there be justice.*

For those women in crisis pregnancies who were vilified, who were lied to, who were forced or coerced into making an adoption plan, who were sent away, whose babies were stolen, who were advised to abort, who were abandoned, we pray,

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, bring healing. Lord, let there be justice.*

For people denied access to the Sacraments, barred from religious orders, made to receive communion last, forced into segregated churches, othered, excluded, not represented, and made to feel like they don't belong because of their race, we pray,

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, bring healing. Lord, let there be justice.*

For the people excluded, ignored, rejected, vilified, taught to hate themselves, or taught that God hates them for their sexuality, their gender identity, their mental illness, their disability, their poverty, their addiction, their marital status, their infertility, their chronic illness, their bereavement, or the circumstances of their birth, we pray,

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, bring healing. Lord, let there be justice.*