

**Prayers for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**  
**June 2011**

*Bidding:*

We pray for the work of the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission, for the survivors of residential schools and their descendents who will share their stories; for those who will listen, absorb and learn; for those who will help us to continue the journey of healing and right relationship:

for the courage to speak and the compassion to listen;

for the presence of Holy Wisdom to guide healing and reconciliation in the way of truth;

for the will to walk in justice and right relationship

*Collect:*

Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen,  
of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears  
of bodies, souls, voices and all relations:

you are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation.

Uphold with your love and compassion all who open their lives  
in the sacred sharing of their stories

breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness,  
that we may face our histories with courage;

touch us through the holy gift of story

that those who speak and those who listen may behold your own redeeming presence;

guide us with holy wisdom to enter through the gates of remorse

that our feet may walk gently and firmly on the way of justice and healing.

*Hymn suggestions:*

When God restored our common life (CP# 583)

Lord, whose love in humble service (CP# 585)

Once to every man and nation (Once, to all and every nation) (CP# 587)

O Healing River (CP #578)

We Cannot Measure How You Heal (CP # 292)

Wind Upon the Waters (CP #408)

Praise the One who breaks the darkness (CP #397)

Will you come and follow me (The Summons) (CP# 430)

Let streams of living justice (CP #575)

Many and great, O God, are your works (CP #407)

Now there is no male or female (CP #36)