

We pray:

Good and Gracious God,
We lament the lasting legacy of slavery and the many manifestations thereof, yielding racist policies and deep trauma that has continued for centuries since its ceremonial ending in the United States.

We commit ourselves to ongoing repair and redress of these sins.

We lament our complicity in allowing racist policies and practices to continue.

May we have the courage to disrupt and avert any system of inequity.

We affirm ourselves as members of one human family, believing that what affects one of us, affects all of us.

May we commit ourselves to seeing and hearing one another, and being our siblings' caretaker.

We lament that H.R. 40 has been introduced in Congress for 34 years without a floor vote and, now,

We call on President Biden to establish, by Executive Order, the Commission to Study Reparations.

NOW is the time.
Amen.