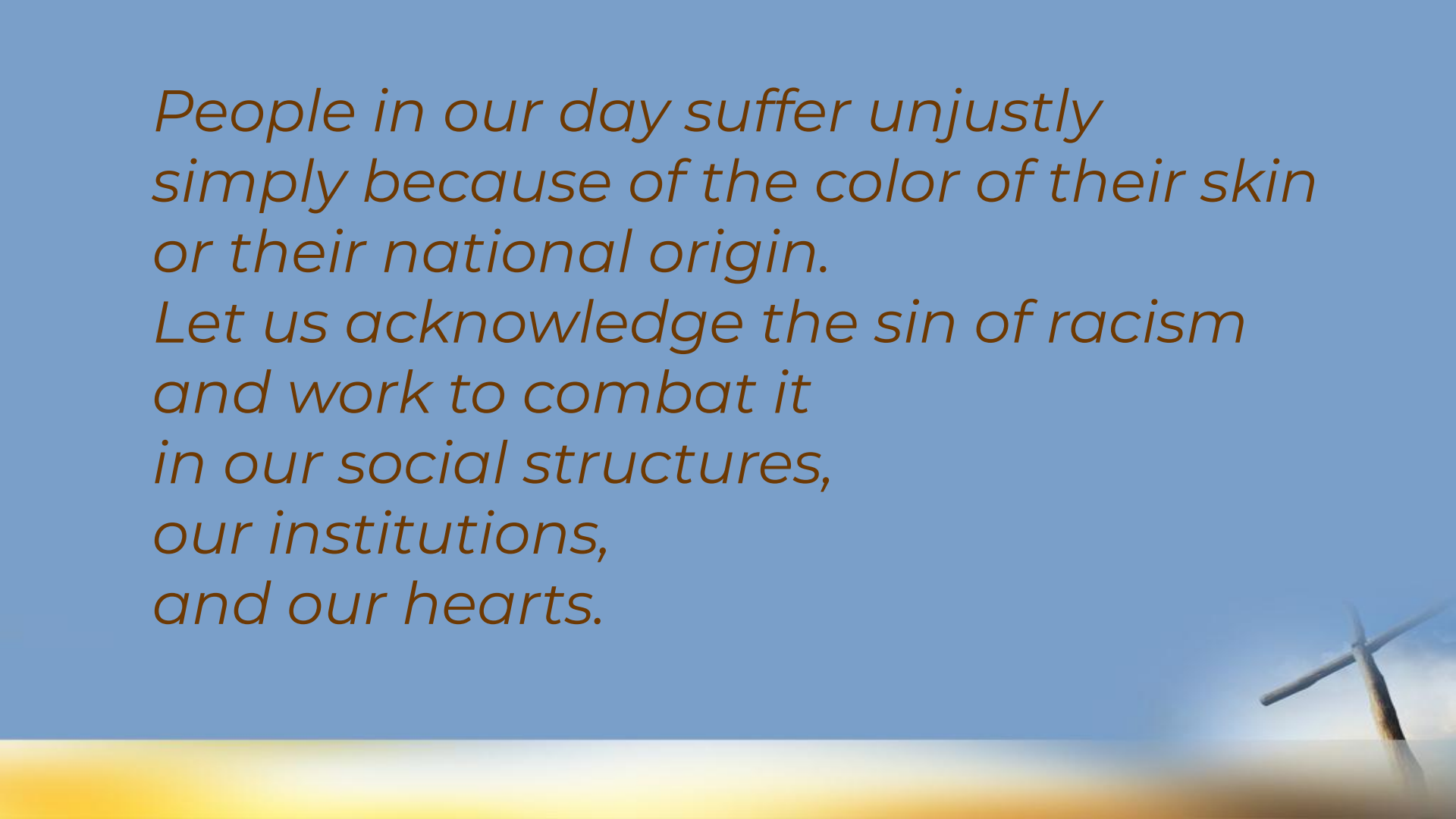
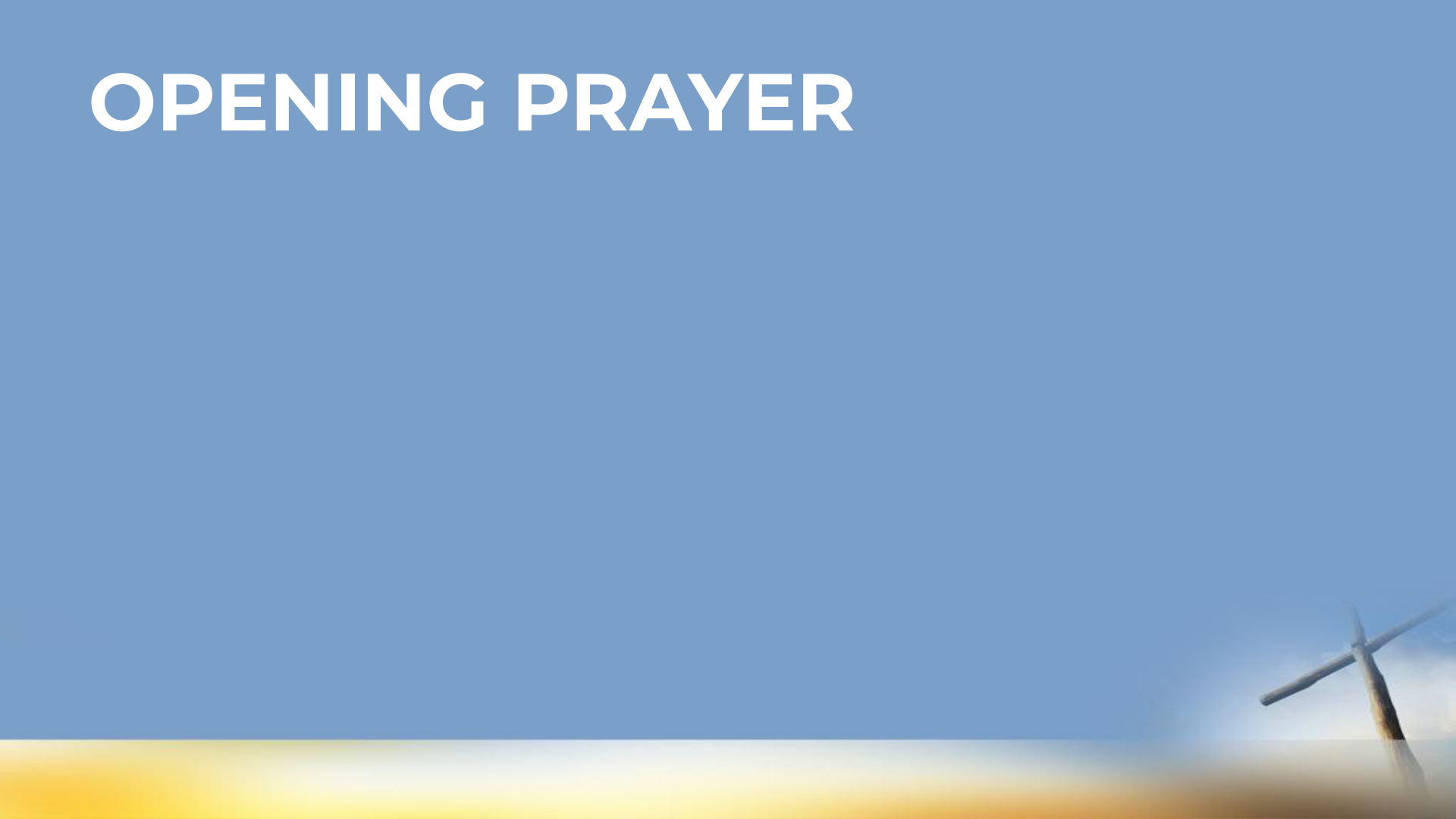
Stations
AGAINST
Racism

People in our day suffer unjustly
simply because of the color of their skin
or their national origin.
Let us acknowledge the sin of racism
and work to combat it
in our social structures,
our institutions,
and our hearts.



OPENING PRAYER



FIRST STATION
Jesus is condemned to death

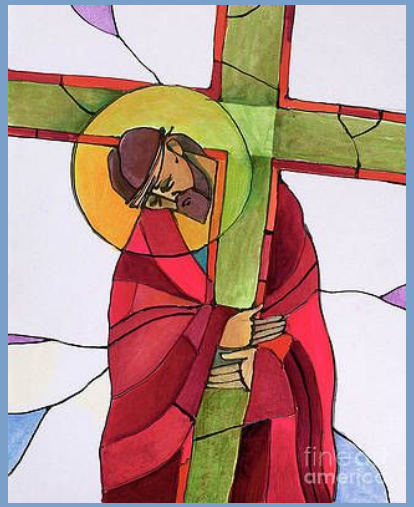
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Christ Jesus, you were a victim of injustice, condemned by those who had the power to save you and ignored by those who might have spoken up on your behalf. Help us to use the opportunities we have to speak out against the injustices around us, knowing that you desire justice for all.

SECOND STATION
Jesus takes up his cross



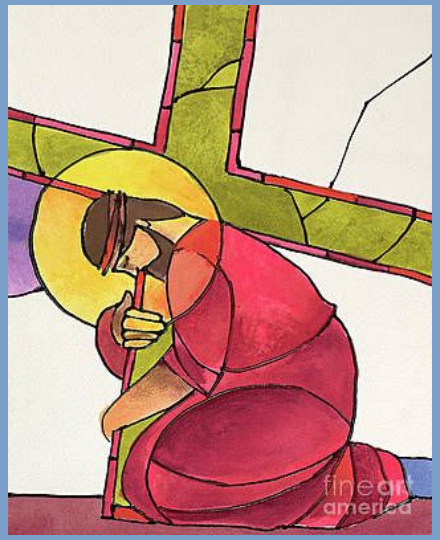
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, help us to acknowledge the truth with honesty and courage. The injustices caused by racism are far too common and impose heavy crosses on our brothers and sisters. Help us to speak the truth about the magnitude of the injustices they face.

THIRD STATION
Jesus falls for the first time



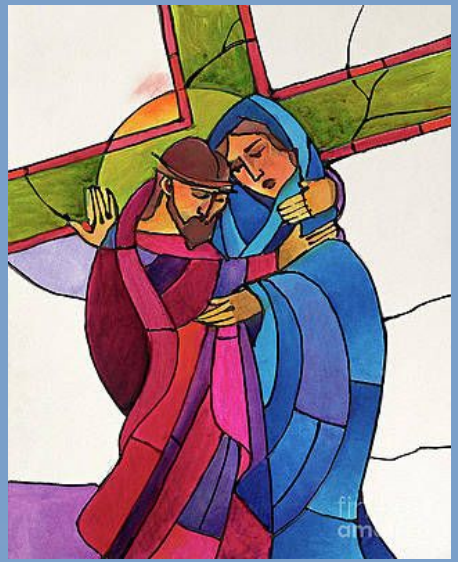
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, the cross of injustice is heavy. Help us not to dismiss it as just “the way things are,” but rather to acknowledge the crosses others must bear because they are different, and to find ways to accompany them in their journey

FOURTH STATION
Jesus meets his mother



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, although at this time you could not relieve your mother's fears, you did acknowledge her pain. Help us to stand with anxious and grieving mothers and work to end the injustices that besiege them.

FIFTH STATION
Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross

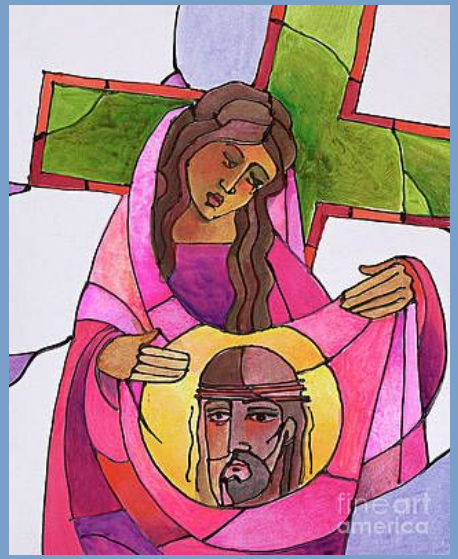
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: God, you have arranged the universe so that one person's action can help ease the burden of another. Embolden us to reach out and to speak out, to make others' crosses easier to bear.

SIXTH STATION
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, so many of our brothers and sisters suffer daily from the injustice of racism. Give us the gift of courage to be like Veronica and reach out to those whom society has rejected and show them love.

SEVENTH STATION
Jesus falls for the second time

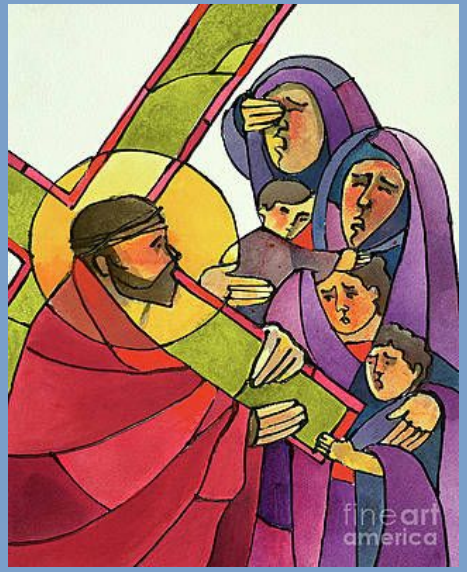
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: God, it is easy to fall into the trap of biased thinking without even being aware of it. Help us to accept all people as individuals with unique dignity, and not to divide them up based on their membership in some favored or disfavored group.

EIGHTH STATION
Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, you call us to speak out against all injustice, not just the injustices that hurt our own communities. Help us to develop hearts that beat with genuine compassion when anyone's community suffers injustice.

NINTH STATION
Jesus falls for the third time

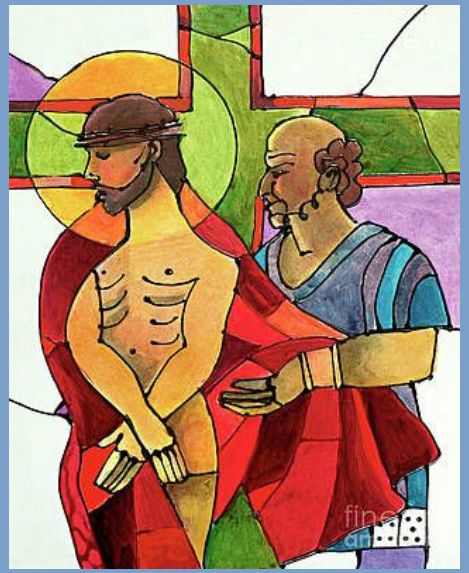
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, the call to change social and economic structures that perpetuate racism can be uncomfortable. Help us to acknowledge the roots of racial injustice and work to change them.

TENTH STATION
Jesus is stripped of his garments



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, in becoming human you ratified the dignity of all humanity. Help us see every person's dignity as important as our own and create social structures that promote dignity for all.

ELEVENTH STATION
Jesus is crucified

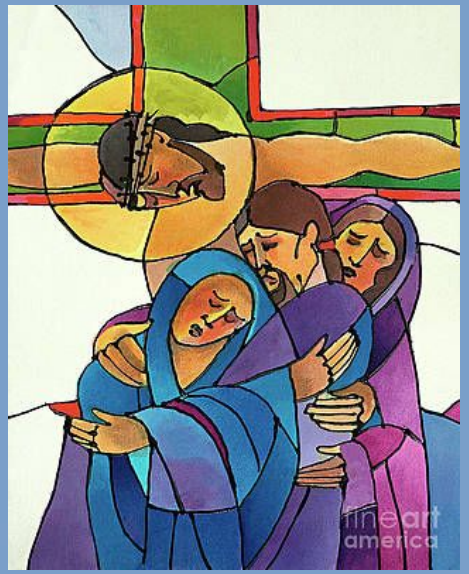
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Savior, forgive us for the sins we have committed and also for the sins of omission that allow injustice to persist. Help us to stand up to the structures of sin and become accomplices in the work of justice.

TWELFTH STATION
Jesus dies on the cross



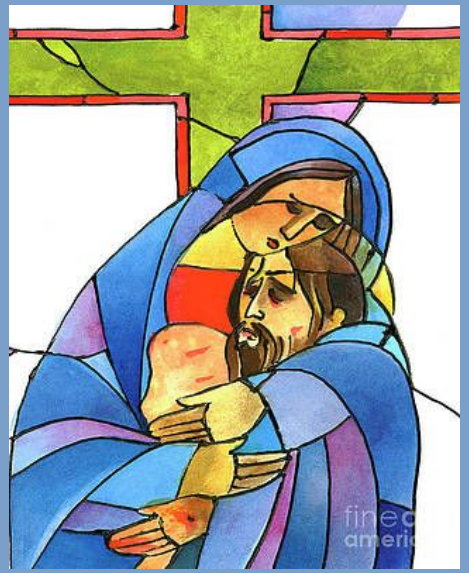
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, Son of God, when no one else cares, you care. You call us to care as well. Lead us to an ever-deeper conversion that bears fruit in true solidarity with those who suffer from racism.

THIRTEENTH STATION
Jesus is taken down from the cross



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, the structures of your day were indifferent to the demands of justice. Give us the courage to transform our institutions so that the work of racial justice may bear fruit.

FOURTEENTH STATION
Jesus is laid in the tomb

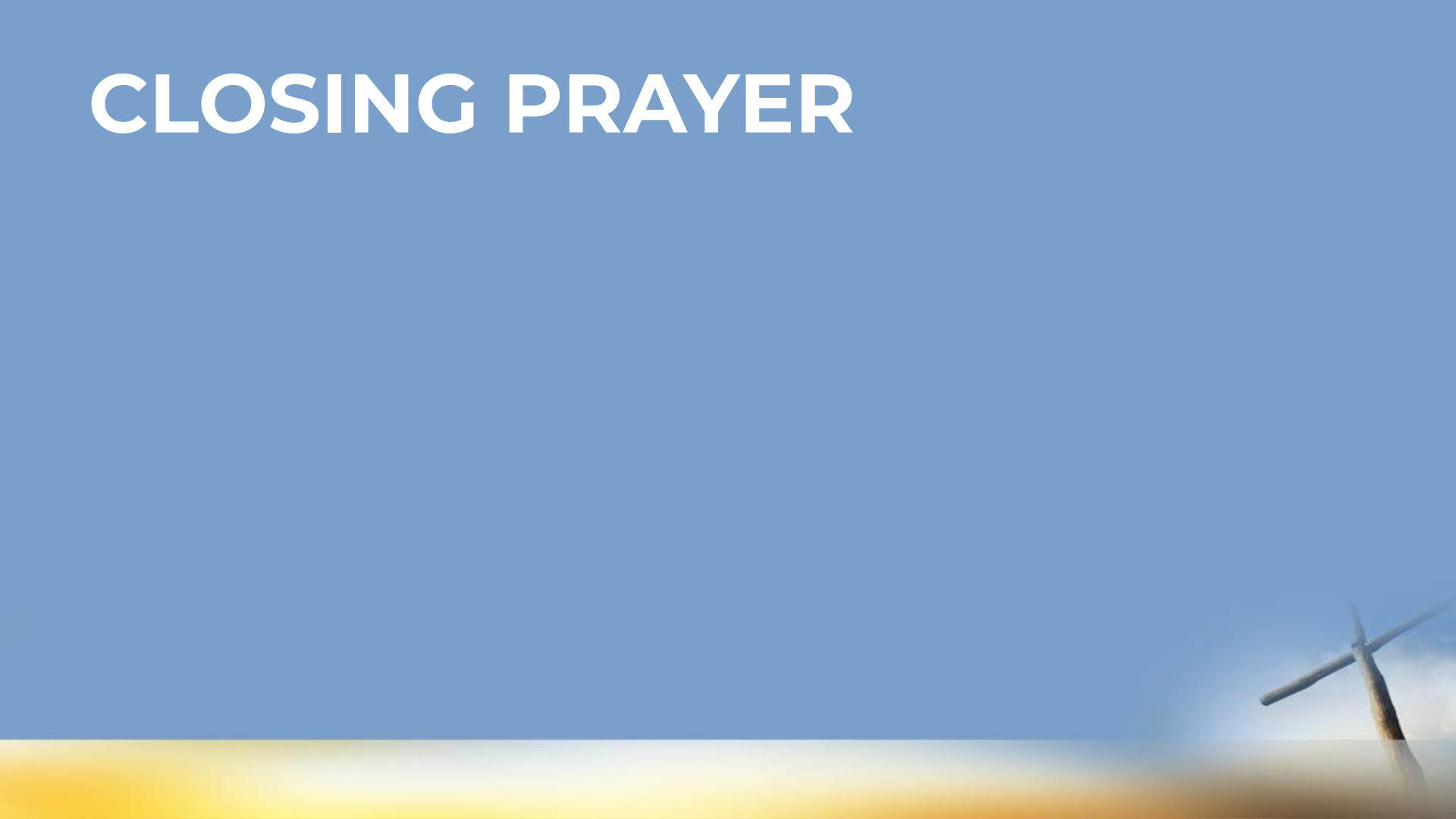
Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Scripture & Reflection

ALL: Jesus, inspire us with new approaches to the ancient problem of racism. We are your hands and feet. Guide us as we welcome those who are marginalized and as we work for racial justice.

CLOSING PRAYER



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