**PRAYING RESTITUTION – LITANY OF RESTITUTION**

**One**: O God of all people, we come humbly before you

**All**: In you we place our hope

**One**: We ask for courage to face the past

**All**: Our hope is in you

**One**: For the actions and attitudes of restitution

**All**: Our hope is in you

**One**: With words that do not result in action

**All**: We are no longer satisfied

**One**: For excuses and reluctant leadership

**All**: They are not enough

**One**: With government programmes alone

**All**: They are not enough

**One**: For accusations, fear and blame

**All**: We repent, Lord

**One**: For our forgetfulness and short memory

**All**: Forgive us, Lord

**One**: For demanding that those who have been hurt bear so much

**All**: Forgive us, Lord

**One**: For those of us who have grown up after Apartheid

**All**: We offer you our privilege

**One**: For those of us who were complicit with Apartheid

**All**: We have considered our ways

**One**: For those of us who were dishonoured by Apartheid

**All**: We open our hearts to true sorry-ness

**One**: Grant us, Lord God, a vision of South Africa

**All**: As your love would have it

**One**: A South Africa where the weak are protected

**All**: And none go hungry or poor

**One**: A South Africa where the riches of creation are shared

**All**: And everyone can enjoy them

**One**: A South Africa where different races and cultures

**All**: Live in harmony and mutual respect

**One**: A South Africa where peace is built with justice

**All**: And justice is guided by love

**One**: Give us the inspiration and courage to build it

**All**: Through Jesus Christ our Lord

**AMEN**

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