

Restitution Litany

- One: We stand humbly together before one another
- **All: We are united in hope**
- One: We are committed to facing the past
- **All: We need deep courage to do this**
- One: For the actions and attitudes of restitution
- **All: We humbly strive**
- 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 renounce these**
- One: For our forgetfulness and short memory
- **All: We are truly sorry**
- One: For demanding that those who have been hurt bear so much
- **All: Forgive us**
- One: For those of us who have grown up after Apartheid
- **All: We offer up 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: Give us a new vision of South Africa
- **All: That we know to be possible**
- One: A South Africa where the weak are protected
- **All: And none go hungry or poor**
- One: A South Africa where the riches of land and soil 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 strength to build it
- **All: To this vision we deeply commit ourselves.**