



Text from our Zoom Rosary For the Intention of the 215



OPENING PRAYER

(ADAPTED FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA - WITH PERMISSION)

Creator God of love and justice, Comforter of those who mourn,
We have learned of more Indigenous children lost, more children who never were able to return to their families from schools they should never have been forced to attend in the first place. This news is devastating. We pray first for healing for the children's families and communities, who are met again today with pain no one should ever have to bear.

We also acknowledge the actions of your church, our complicity in running residential schools and taking children like these, who were just found, from their families. We repent for the pain and ongoing harm we have caused, and ask for the will and wisdom to act to end that harm. We have asked for forgiveness and committed to work for healing and reconciliation. But we recognize that for many, that change came too late.

Comforting God, we pray for healing in the communities and families of all who experienced residential schools, comfort for all those grieving, and strength for all to pursue reconciliation.

Amen.

MYSTERIES & REFLECTIONS *(WRITTEN BY PARISH STAFF)*

1. The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

For the Indigenous Communities experiencing pain, anger and hurt over the 215 children buried at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops... May they know the Healing Power of God's love....

OUR FATHER...

2. The Scourging of Jesus

For all children who were taken from their homes to never return... We commend to the Lord the souls of all the children who died in the Canadian residential schools... May they be surrounded by the Love of God.

OUR FATHER...

3. The Crowning with Thorns

For the survivors of the Residential School System, for their children and grandchildren and all who bear the wounds of mental, physical and spiritual trauma... May they know the Healing Power of God's love.

OUR FATHER...

4. The Carrying of the Cross

For the Elders and communities who have been sharing the stories of the residential school system for generations, even when they felt ignored and defeated... they continued... May they be truly seen and heard... *OUR FATHER...*

5. The Crucifixion

Help us to take this grief, this shock, this horror, and turn it into right action – action that works for right relations – action that works for healing and justice and hope... Help us to be true listeners as our Indigenous brothers and sisters lead the way... *OUR FATHER...*

CLOSING PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, Let this be a moment that changes, moment that transforms the brokenness, that we might walk in right relations, for the good of your children, for the good of your world. Amen.