



## **Litany for Rachel's Day**

**Open our eyes, God,**

so that we may see the value of all God's children and so that we may together plan for their safety and protection.

**Open our ears, God,**

so that we may hear the cries of youth suffering from hunger and malnutrition and so that we may together plan for their feeding and sustenance.

**Open our hearts, God,**

so that we may feel the powerlessness of teens struggling to succeed in homes plagued with apathy, division, anger, and hopelessness, and so that we may help provide words of comfort, paths of power, and courage for their successful journey to adulthood.

**Open our lips, God,**

so that we may boldly confront racism and sexism and may together bring about the unity in diversity necessary for our babies' growth and wholeness.

**Open our minds, God,**

and purge away individualism, negative pride, and superior attitudes, and help us to understand that each and every child of God is given bountiful gifts regardless of color, gender, or race.

**Open our arms, God,**

so that we may welcome children whose parents are incarcerated, absent from the home, or struggling with addiction. And help us, together, to provide them with the love, strength and stability needed to run this race of life.

**Open us, God, so that we may feel the breath of your spirit;**

Open us, God, so that we may feel the power of your majesty;

Open us, God, so that together we may be strengthened to bring about human liberation and wholeness for our children.