

# *Drippings of Grace Ministries*

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## **A Prayer for Inclusion**

*God of Infinite Wisdom,*

You made each of us in Your image—diverse, beautiful, unique and worthy.  
Help us to see with open eyes and listen with open hearts.  
Teach us to embrace differences, not as barriers, but as blessings.  
Let no one feel forgotten, unseen, or unworthy.

Give us the courage to speak up for those left out,  
the humility to learn from others' stories,  
and the grace to build spaces where all are welcome.

We confess that we have not done enough for those who are marginalized around us. We have become comfortable and complacent in our faith, therefore not reaching beyond our contentment in order to recognize another's suffering.

Help to first meet the needs of those within our own congregation. People that we love and have not acknowledged when their needs have not been met. Cause our hearts to humble as we begin to understand how we might have caused them to feel less than. Let us be innovative as we strive to become the church that You need us to be, O God. A safe space where all people feel valued, equal, seen, heard, and able to contribute their gifts throughout the life of the church.

We ask this of the God who created the stars and the moon, the mountains and the oceans, and the flowers and the trees.

Amen.

*Amen.*