

A Litany to Honor & Affirm Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries, UCC

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One: For creating this world into which we are born, and for giving us the opportunity to live our lives to the fullest...

All: We give you thanks, O God our Creator.

One: For leading peoples of diverse countries and cultures to this country called America...

All: We give thanks, O God of the heavens and the earth!

One: For the opportunities and responsibilities that come to us being a country of diversity...

All: We give thanks, O God, who created diversity!

One: For the struggles and sacrifices of our immigrant ancestors who toiled so hard that succeeding generations might have a better life...

All: We give you thanks, O God of integrity and history!

One: For the gifts, faith, culture, and religious traditions of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Taiwanese, Hawaiian, Samoan, Marshallese, Indian, and all other Pacific Islander and Asian peoples...

All: We give you thanks, O God of all!

One: For failing to appreciate fully the traditions and heritages from which we come and for failing to respond and be sensitive to people especially from Asia and the Pacific Islands;

All: To you we confess our sins of omissions, O God of struggle!

O God, we commit ourselves to:

- **Care for the suffering of all God's people, especially for our neighbors of Asian and Pacific Island descent;**
- **Strive for a deeper spirituality as exemplified by the first generation of our Christian ancestors;**
- **Live for peace which comes from dedication to live with justice;**
- **Appreciate that true Christian harmony comes through a positive identity based upon pride in God's gift to us, our heritages both ethnic and Christian; and**
- **Sharing our unique talents in the concerns of others, all for the glory of your universal plan. Amen.**