

Revised Version of “Prayer before the movie A PLACE AT THE TABLE”

“You have made us for yourself, O God,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

We come before you tonight with hopeful and restless hearts for that day when divisions between your people will be no more and all will be one as Jesus prayed and died for.

Forgive us for the times when we as individuals thought of ourselves as superior
to those of other races, colors, or creeds.

Forgive us for the times when we gathered around our Eucharistic tables and did not welcome the stranger or greet another warmly as beloved brother or sister.

Let our work this evening bring us to a renewed commitment to work to welcome all people to the table of our hearts...of our homes...of our churches...and, into our prayers.

Thank you for those who gather this evening and for their witness to their Catholic faith as we confront the challenges, and embrace the opportunities, to becoming the true beloved community. May our work be guided by the wisdom and power of your Holy Spirit.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Closing Prayer