



A Prayer in the wake of the Court Decision, Feb. 9, 2018
(A Paraphrase of Psalm 13)

How long, O Lord? Will you forget Indigenous people forever?
How long will you hide your face?
How long must the family of Colten Boushie bear pain in their
soul, and sorrow in their heart all day long?
Consider and answer, O Lord.

How long, O Lord? Will you forget your promise of hope and healing forever?
How long will you hide your face?
How long must the Indigenous people bear pain in their soul,
and sorrow in their heart all day long?
Consider and answer, O Lord.

How long, O Lord? Will settlers avoid the hard, heart-breaking, transforming work of walking
together?
How long will we hide from facing you and hearing your vision for a new world?
How long must those who desire peace and justice bear pain in their soul, and sorrow in their
heart all day long?
Consider and answer, O Lord.

God of grace, we turn to you as people who are angry, heart-broken, grieving, and bearing the
scars of living in a violent nation. We do not know how to pray.
In the name of Jesus, your Son, who died a violent death. Amen.

—*The Rev. Peter Bush, moderator of the 2017 General Assembly*