



A LITANY OF BLACK (LIBERATION) THEOLOGY IN HONOR OF REV. DR. JAMES HAL CONE

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ONE: God of Darkness and Light; the One who calls for the liberation of dark skinned peoples, draw us nearer to You through our worship and witness. Teach us of the bountiful blessings bestowed upon us by a Black Messiah, Black Theology and Black Power.

MANY: You have called us out of Egypt and West Africa. You have sustained us through slavery, the middle passage, Jim and Jane Crow and the current manifestations of evil and oppression. Remind us of the blood of our ancestors and the beauty of our blackness.

ONE: God of the Oppressed, who dwells with those who are crucified by public policy and social indifference, deliver us from the impotency of religion without righteousness, spirituality without sacrifice, and prosperity without prophesy.

MANY: Through our risks of faith, help us to mature in mind and ministerial Movement. Grow us in your grace towards a more radical vision of black love and liberation.

ONE: God of Martin and Malcolm; God of Miriam and Martha; convict us when we've become well-adjusted to injustice. Help us to see the mob of our own market-driven mentalities. Redeem us from the lynching trees of apathy, greed, imperialism, colonialism, and white evangelicalism.

MANY: And when we feel feeble and pale, remind us of the strength found in black spirituals. Let not our harvest past. Let not our Mary's weep. When we can't hear nobody pray, sing "Freedom" over us.

ONE: When our souls look back, may we find ourselves having fought the good fight for our people – true to our God; true to our native land.

ALL: Make our Black Faith more real. Make our Black Churches more relevant. Make our Black preachers more prophetic. And make our Black scholars forever sensitive to the plight, pain, promise, and power of black people. Amen and Ashe.