

Identity And Security

God of the generations who've gone before us
We give you thanks for our sense of identity
forged from the mix of family and culture,
from nationality and religion.

**We confess that we have sometimes
denied the identity of others
and have sought to make others in our own image.**

God of our turbulent, insecure world
We give you thanks when life feels safe and secure,
for the ways we can plan for difficult times
and plan for our future.

**We confess that we have sometimes
hidden behind our policies and pensions
and buffered ourselves from the pain of the world.**

God who is birthing new life
We give you thanks for the differences
and dissonance that give life its vibrancy and colour
its energy and excitement.

**We confess that we have sometimes
preferred the drabness of the familiar
and denied others their dreams and aspirations.**

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