

# For & Dignity & Respect

People of Faith Standing with Walmart Workers



## Litany of Confession and Commitment

*(Bold to be read by the presider/ without bold to be read by everyone)*

**To you, O Supreme Being, who sustains our lives every day with new strengths and hope...**

**We confess:** That yesterday, Thanksgiving Day, we remembered to thank you but today we will forget that our ability to consume will affect thousands of other human beings around the planet.

**In your mercy,** forgive us, O God.

**We confess:** That our hurriedness and competition leads us to forget the struggles faced by our sisters and brothers who daily work to make businesses like Walmart so successful and profitable, while other small and medium business owners lose their homes and suffer terrible consequences.

**In your mercy,** forgive us, O God.

**We confess:** Our silence, conformity, indifference and inaction, which, instead of exposing the sins of the system, foster inequities, give more credit to injustices and fail to demand a better and fairer distribution of the wealth.

**In your mercy,** forgive us, O God.

**We confess:** Our cowardice every time that we fail to stand in solidarity or to support a cause, when often all that it's required is the signature of our name.

**In your mercy,** forgive us, O God.

**We confess:** Our individualism, selfishness, avarice and greed that daily blind us and hinder us from appreciate the value of what we have already obtained through the work of our hands.

**In your mercy,** forgive us, O God.

*(Quiet time)*

**O God, as we receive your forgiveness, we retake our commitment...**

**We retake our commitment here today:**

To be alert and stand in unity, not yielding to market's pressures.

**We retake our commitment here today:**

To protect our families, which are far more important than a cheap bargain-shopping day once a year.

**We retake our commitment here today:**

To promote harmony and to share our possessions with those in need.

**We retake our commitment here today:**

To leave our comfort zones showing solidarity by taking action for just causes.

**We retake our commitment here today:**

To raise our voices denouncing in our homes, workplaces, churches, communities and streets the injustices suffered by workers of gigantic companies like Walmart, who are not paid a fair wage and who are daily oppressed when their employers have the wealth to offer them better employment policies so that its employees will be compensated more fairly for the work they are doing.

**We retake our commitment here today:**

To not shut up until our cause will be righteously addressed! **So help us God!**