

# O God, We Bear the Imprint 759

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1 O God, we bear the im-print of your face: the col - ors  
 2 Where we are torn and pulled a - part by hate be - cause our  
 3 O God, we share the im - age of the One whose flesh and

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of our skin are your de - sign, and what we have of  
 race, our skin is not the same, while we are judged un -  
 blood are ours, what-ev - er skin; in Christ's hu - man - i -

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beau - ty in our race as man or wom - an, you a -  
 e - qual by the state and vic - tims made be - cause we  
 ty we find our own, and in his fam - i - ly our

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lone de - fine, who stretched a liv - ing fab - ric on our  
 own our name, hu - man - i - ty re - duced to lit - tle  
 prop - er kin: Christ is the broth - er we still cru - ci -

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frame and gave to each a lan - guage and a name.  
 worth, dis - hon - ored is your liv - ing face on earth.  
 fy, his love the lan - guage we must learn, or die.

Rather than treating racism as a societal problem, this text considers the issue from a theological point of view. When we distance ourselves from other people merely because of the color of their skin, we fail to honor their God-likeness and to see Christ's image in them.