

A Litany for Justice: Speaking Out Against White Supremacy

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As people of faith, we are joining our voices to speak to the current pain and suffering, anger and anguish confronting our communities and our nation. The hard reality of COVID-19 has not only disrupted life as we know it: it has laid bare the disparities in our country.

Recent events, including the murder of George Floyd, have revealed with stark clarity the continuing scourge of injustice, racism, and white supremacy in our midst. George Floyd's name joins a litany of people of color who have suffered abuse and been murdered simply because of their skin tone. In light of such atrocities and unholy acts, we join our voices to speak together.

Together we join our voices to mourn and grieve with those who have experienced the trauma of persecution, violence, suffering and death.

Together we join our voices to bear witness to the stark truth that there is no equal protection under the law in our nation; indeed there has never been.

Together we join our voices to acknowledge our own failure and the failure of our churches to heed the cries of our black, brown and Native siblings regarding undue violence from law enforcement.

Together we join our voices to honor our calling to speak out against the profiling, persecution, and execution of our siblings of color.

Together we join our voices to renounce acts of violence: from the State, from protesters, or from organized groups trying to incite violence at protests.

Together we join our voices to affirm our commitment as followers of Jesus to seek and demand equality and justice,

Together we join our voices to hold our governmental authorities accountable for training police officers in de-escalation and cross-cultural understanding.

Together we join our voices to offer our prayers of support and affirmation for our communities and the law enforcement officers who fulfill their obligations faithfully and compassionately.

Together we join our voices to recommit ourselves as fellow children of God to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Amen.