

A Lamentation and Prayer for Action Against Racism

We are tired, O Lord,
Overwhelmed by the violence and death
That has ravaged this country,
Fed by prejudice and mistrust.

We are tired,
And yet we are called to mourn
together,
To lament and to remember the names:
May the dead rest in your peace,
May our acts of solidarity with the living
Be a memorial to the dead.

We are fearful, O Lord,
As we see the violence and death
That plagues our nation,
So infected with the racism that remains
An open wound that has not healed.

We are fearful,
And yet we are called to embrace
And to embody Gospel values
So we commit to work
For positive change and racial justice.

May our voices calling together for this
justice
Be a part of our lament for those
Who have suffered and died unjustly.



May our voices calling to transform
Sinful structures of racism and violence
Become a healing chorus for the living.

Hear our sorrows, our laments,
O Lord,
And as we strive to follow
The loving wisdom of Christ:
Hear our calls for solidarity and healing.

Amen.

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