

Litany for a Mourning People

Leader: God of Grace and Mercy, God of Love and Peace, we tremble in your presence, we ache in our hearts, we squint in our eyes to see you, and we pray in our hearts that you hear us.

People: God of Grace and Mercy, in the presence of debilitating evil, we feel so small.

Leader: God of Love and Peace, under the rule of fear, we feel so hopeless

People: God of Grace and Mercy show me that my hand though weak, joined with other hands can move mountains.

Leader: God of Love and Peace show me that my voice, though timid, joined with other voices can make a mighty chorus

People: God of Grace and Mercy show me that my heart, though lonesome and heavy, joined with other hearts can change our world.

Leader: God of Love and Peace, we pray For Alton Sterling and His family

People: God of Grace and Mercy, we pray For Philando Castille and his family

Leader: God of Love and Peace, we pray for the families of the 5 Dallas police officers killed, the other 7 officers who were wounded, the two civil protestors who were shot.

People: God of grace and mercy, we pray for the peaceful protesters and the law enforcement officers protecting their right assembly

Leader: God of Love and Peace, we pray even for the perpetrators of forms of violence, may we turn from evil and seek you and the life more abundantly that you offer.

People: God of grace and mercy, we pray for movements for the dignity of life—black life, police life, brown life, vulnerable and weary life and ask that your love reigns supreme.

Leader: God of Grace and Mercy, God of Love and Peace in the presence of so much evil in this world we know you are asking who will bear my light? Who will bear my pain? Who will speak to my people who are broken? Who will hold my people in their hearts?

People: Here we are Lord. If you lead us, we will go. We will hold your people in our hearts.