

# Praying for Justice & Peace



## **Praying and Witnessing for Justice and Peace**

*This is what the Lord Almighty said:  
'Administer true justice and show mercy and  
compassion to one another.'  
-Zechariah 7:9*

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### **Statement of Purpose**

We are leaders and members of faith communities in San Diego County (and beyond) united in our witness of prayer for justice, peace, and nonviolence in our nation at this moment in time.

### **Areas of Witness and Prayer**

#### **Racial Justice**

Due to the legacy of racism and white supremacy in our country, the promise of opportunity and the protection of rights for every human being have not been upheld.

#### **We pray for...**

- A deliberate and equitable national process toward racial justice and reconciliation
- The upholding of the rights and liberties of all people, whatever their identity or document status
- An end to racism and white supremacy in our nation, including an end to the targeting of groups of people for repression, voter suppression, or violence
- An end to police and state-sanctioned violence and brutality against people of color
- Those who hold positions of public and civil service to uphold justice and ensure that all people are treated with dignity, equity, protection and care, especially the most vulnerable among us

## **Election Integrity**

It is a moral imperative that our country hold a free, fair, and safe election.

#### **We pray for...**

- Integrity and transparency at every stage of the election process
- An election that is free of fraud, suppression, or manipulation in order that its outcome be accurate and therefore respected
- An election that allows for maximum voter participation
- The election of just public and civil servants with moral courage who speak the truth and serve the public interest before their own private or partisan interests

#### **Non-Violence**

We seek unity of purpose in our nation that will lead to the embrace of powerful, just, and creative peacemaking efforts in these unprecedented and divided times. We reject all forms of violence and oppression and embrace the path of peace and nonviolent change in the spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi.

#### **We pray for...**

- Peace in our hearts, communities, nation, and world
- Comprehensive and nonviolent solutions to injustice
- An end to hatred and violence as a response to disagreements