

A Prayer to the Criminalization of LGBTQI People

O God, Source of Life, comfort your people
who face persecution
because of who
You created them to be or whom they love.
Grace us, LGBTQI and companion alike,
with your mercy, love, peace, and protection.

Turn our eyes to Your presence reflected
in the faces of LGBTQI persons
excluded and criminalized,
beaten and killed,
declared illegal,
and stripped of dignity.

Transform our hearts to mirror Your love,
so we may have strength
to confront our own prejudice and fear,
to weep with the grieving,
to walk with the lonely,
to stand with the persecuted,
and to strengthen our voices as we speak out.

Grant peace to departed victims
now in your loving embrace,
and grant hope to all who live,
that we may resist hate against LGBTQI people,
and in doing so, co-create with You a world
in which every person is respected and loved.