

A Prayer to End Anti-LGBT Criminalization

Source of Life, comfort your children
who face persecution
because of who you
created them to be or whom they love.

Grace us, queer and trans and companion alike, with your
presence of mercy, love, and peace.

Turn our eyes to your presence reflected
in the faces of LGBTQI persons
excluded and criminalized,
beaten and killed,
declared illegal and without dignity.

Tune our ears to your truth that echoes in their voices,
in their dying and in their being fully alive.

Transform our hearts to mirror your love,
so we may have strength to weep with the grieving,
walk with the lonely, stand with the persecuted,
and to confront our own prejudice and fear.

Grant peace to 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.

Amen.