

## Prayer for Mercy in a Time of Violence



We seek your mercy O God  
as our hearts are rent with guilt and grief  
for the lives of brothers and sisters  
shattered by violence.

We seek your mercy O God  
for the hatred and intolerance  
that blinds us to the dignity and rights  
you have bestowed on each precious life  
made in your image and likeness.

We seek your mercy, O God  
as we beg that you strengthen our resolve  
to eliminate words that divide  
ideologies that disdain  
guns that destroy.

Restore in us the memory of Jesus  
who prayed "that all may be one."

Forgive our failures  
grace us with vision  
sustain us for the hard work ahead, Amen.

