

Hate 2 Hope prayer

Written by Gary Simpson and offered at the Hate 2 Hope March in Edmonton, August 2017. The march was organized in response to the White nationalist/ supremacist march in Charlottesville, VA, USA.

Creator God,

We asked for equality and equity. To a loud rage.

We are bashed for our sexuality and our gender identity.
So, we rage alone. To silence.

Our women go missing.
So, we rage alone. To silence.

We are carded for our skin color.
So, we rage alone. To silence.

We are attacked in our houses of worship.
So, we rage alone. To silence.

We face discrimination for our accents.
So, we rage alone. To silence.

We are told to use bathrooms that violate who we are.
So, we rage alone. To silence.

We are excluded due to age or ability.
So, we rage alone. To silence.

We are blamed for our poverty.
So, we rage alone. To silence.

Today, Creator, we leave our rage here.
We leave our fear and depression here.
We leave our sense of inferiority here.
We leave them with You, Creator.

Today, we pick up hope. For hope is no burden.

And, Creator, for God's sake we refuse to settle for second best. We claim what we deserve as children of Creation.

Finally, Creator, for God's sake we refuse to let others be second best. We stand with others, helping them claim what they deserve as children of Creation.

God of many names and colours, bless and guide us as we do these things.

Amen