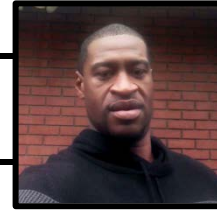

OPENING PRAYER IN MEMORY OF GEORGE FLOYD



SIGN OF THE CROSS

INTRODUCTION

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, in the name of Jesus,
we pause today to join in prayer for the soul of George Floyd.
We did not know him, but we know the cause of his brutal death.
We did not know him, but we condemn the sin of racism which we citizens
have too long ignored.
We did not know him, but we share in his family's grief and loss.
We did not know him, but we share in his baptism
and in his certain hope of the Resurrection.

THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Rev. 7:9-10, 15-17

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice:
"Salvation comes from our God,
who is seated on the throne,
and from the Lamb."

"For this reason they stand before God's throne
and worship him day and night in his temple.
The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.
They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.
For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

PETITIONS

Leader: Brothers and sisters,
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father,
where he intercedes for his Church.
Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus,
we join our prayers to his.

Minister: In baptism, George Floyd received the light of Christ.
Lead him over the waters of death and into your wonderful light.
Lord, in your mercy:

All: *Hear our prayer.*

Minister: In his lifetime, our brother George followed Jesus. Count him among all holy men and
women who sing in your heavenly courts. Lord, in your mercy: *hear our prayer*

For his family, especially his daughter, that they may know consolation and comfort.
Lord, in your mercy: *hear our prayer.*

Many people die by violence and neglect each day. Show your mercy to those who
suffer so unjustly and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.
Lord, in your mercy: *hear our prayer*

For an end to racism in our country; for courageous leaders who will condemn it;
and for citizens who will no longer tolerate it,
Lord, in your mercy: *hear our prayer*

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.

All: Our Father, ...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: God our shelter and our strength,
you listen in love to the cries of your people.
Hear the prayers we offer for George Floyd, for his family and for our country.
Forgive us our sins and grant us the wisdom of your Spirit.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMENDATION

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

All: **And let perpetual light shine upon him.**

Leader: May he rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**