

Blessed Are Those Who Protest

**A minute from Detroit Friends Monthly Meeting (Quakers)
supporting the protests against racial injustices in our society.**

Over half a century ago, Dr. King helped establish a movement whose purpose was “to save the soul of America.” America’s soul clearly remains in the balance. We remember he acknowledged that we cannot legislate good will, but Detroit Friends can and do commit to help bend the arc of history toward justice. Detroit Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) honors those who have stood in protest these past weeks and we stand with them.

We stand with those who engage in nonviolent direct actions in a genuine spirit of democracy, one free from racism. We see them as blessed and to be building a kingdom of justice.

We unite with those who mourn more than four hundred years of slavery and its toxic Jim Crow residues, some vile and obvious and some quite subtle, which persist to our day. We mourn for those who have suffered from past racism and for those who live in fear today. We deeply regret that many of us have not heard, too long stood by and have too often failed to act. We seek wisdom to recognize our failures and find courage to grow. We are grateful to those who today are helping all Friends undertake a critical review of how we have failed in translating our testimony of equality into action.

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