

As Faith Leaders in this community, we are deeply horrified and saddened by the events of last weekend in Charlottesville, VA. Many faith leaders from across the country have spoken out calling the racist extremism displayed as a “poison of the soul”, “obscenity”, “evil”, a “violation of God’s intention for humanity” and a “snapshot of our public unraveling into real hatreds brutally expressed”.

We stand together today, as the Greater St. Cloud Area Faith Leaders, united with faith leaders from across this country, to strongly condemn racism in all its forms; in particular the evil of white supremacy on display in Charlottesville, made visible by the KKK, White Nationalists and Nazi groups.

We are here as people of faith, women and men, brown, black and white, to stand together in the recognition that we are created equal and have an inner knowledge of the dignity of all people. We stand in solidarity knowing too that we belong to each other and therefore, when one of us is being marginalized or threatened or hurt or called names, we are all marginalized, threatened, hurt or called names.

We call on you, people of faith, to join us in our prayer for peace and our work for justice.

Let us pray...

Church of Later Day Saints:

All praise is to the almighty God. Exalted you are.

Methodists:

We glorify your name like the angels who praise you day and night.

Unitarian Universalists:

We repeat your praise like the earth that sings your name constantly.

Lutherans:

O God your mercy has preceded everything and we ask you to fill our hearts with your mercy.

Presbyterians:

We acknowledge that you didn't create us to hate each other or oppress one another, but you have created us to be your representatives.

Muslims:

It's in this time of unbearable pain we seek your guidance and comfort.

Catholics:

We come together to pray to you lord, from different faiths and beliefs, as brothers and sisters, neighbors, and coworkers.

All:

We accept our differences as strength. Give us the strength of your beloved servants to heal our communities and nation.