

That They May All Be One

A PRAYER FOR JUSTICE BY FR. LEO AMAZAN

Lord Jesus, as you laid down your life for us, you prayed to the Father: “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us...” (Jn. 17:21a). Today, as we are faced once again with the division and strife caused by the sin of racism, we join our voices to your voice, and we pray:

That all of us be one:

Black and white.

Yellow and brown.

Young and old.

Near and far.

That all of us feel as one:

Loved, not feared.

Safe, not insecure.

Valued, not scorned.

Uplifted, not beaten down.

That all of us work as one:

Not to tear down, but to build up.

Not only to stop violence, but also to promote peace.

Not only to restore order, but also to ensure justice.

Not to favor few, but to defend the dignity and rights of all.

May we all be one.

May we all recognize each other as one family, as sons and daughters of God.

May we be united, here on this earth, and may our bonds of charity and love lead us to the eternal life.

Amen.