

When People Die by Hatred

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation")

When people die by hatred, when people die by fear,
When people die defending our right to protest here,
When young black men are murdered, when heroes die in blue,
When people die for justice, O God, we cry to you.

We thank you for the faithful who give and give some more:
Who advocate for justice, who lead the cry: "No more!"
Who work for public safety, who seek a peaceful way.
We thank you for their labors to build a better day.

When people raise their voices and seek the common good,
When neighbors meet with neighbors to change their neighborhood,
When we hear others' stories, when we admit our sin,
O God, we'll know your healing in this world once again.

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