

Prayer for IDAHOBIT Day

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia



Father, we acknowledge that you love all people of every sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity. We acknowledge that all have the right to live with dignity and without persecution or discrimination.

We remember and pray today for those countries in our world where LGBTQI people have been murdered and tortured because of their gender identity or sexual orientation. We pray for those who live in fear. We pray also for the leaders of those countries, that they might be enlightened through your love and be challenged to make changes. We pray for LGBTQI refugees who flee their homes seeking safety and sanctuary. We pray that wherever they go, they will be supported and welcomed.

We pray for trans and gender-diverse people who are targeted victims of hate crimes, assaulted and abused. May they also find love, safety and support. We pray for those whose dignity and self-esteem have been eroded by hateful people, systems, and structures. Teach us to love every person more fully.

You created each of us to uniquely reflect your glory and express your love to all people. Homophobia, transphobia, and violence have so terrified and damaged the LGBTQI community that some have ended their own lives, because they were not allowed to be uniquely who they are. Remind us, God, that all of creation suffers from the effects of such hate, fear, and violence. May we all be encouraged to build bridges of love where harmful divisions have been made.

Father, bless the LGBTQI community in their frailty. When they stand defenceless in a world of domination may they experience the immense power of your love. Cover and protect them with your truth and goodness. We pray for equity for all God's people, may we be instruments of your peace, continually working for justice and love.

Amen.