

Together – A Prayer for 2020 Transgender Day of Remembrance in a Pandemic

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Oh Holy Flame, spark of all creation,
You who we greet as the Great Flame in our lives,
Providing shining light for our vision
And soothing warmth for our hearts;
Help us be attentive witnesses today
To the extraordinary wonder
That walks among us
Daily in grace.

So, too, kindle within us power
To not let pain deter us
From struggling onward
In justice and in peace
To make the present
A different story.

As we remember the violence
That has destroyed so many lives
Of people who you call Beloved,
Grant us the strength and resolve
To look upon this great pain
In reverence and sobriety,
Without turning away
Or denying the reality
Of this terror.

As the fires of experience burn scorching hot
In the life of every Trans person,
Grant that these fires may burst forth
Into a world eager for the warmth
Of the truth of abundant Trans Life and Thriving.

Forge from this fire a new world –
One filled with justice and with peace
Together
One blessed by strength and tenderness
Together
One called to challenge and to soothe
Together
One able to strain and to heal
Together

One that is grieving and rejoicing
Together.

Amen.