

Things Are Broken Here A Prayer of Lament

O God, things are so broken here.

So many black and brown bodies have been targeted, abused, choked, shot and killed.

Tonight we cry out in grief for _____ (fill in names)

And tonight we mourn for the families and friends of these victims.

And tonight we must ask, How long O Lord, how long?

Lord, hear our prayer.

Tonight we also confess that we are a part of an unjust system that is tearing us all to pieces.

And sometimes we simply don't know what to do.

And sometimes we're too comfortable to do anything.

And sometimes we're too scared.

Forgive us. Change us. Show us the way to love.

Amen.

Hear these words of assurance:

God hears our cries and says: "How can I forget you? See I have written your names on the palms of my hands. Can a woman forget her nursing child, or fail to pity the child of her womb? Even these may forget, but I won't forget you."

And when we confess our sins, Jesus shouts, "God forgive them," even from the cross, and stands beside us with the love that will not let us go.

Remain in that love. Be God's love in the world.

Sing Together: We are on this earth to love.

We Are On this Earth to Love

Melody in top voice. Repeat. Adding parts one at a time.

The musical score consists of four staves. The first three staves are in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff includes chord markings: G, Am, Em, and D. The lyrics are: "We are on this earth to love." The second staff has the same lyrics. The third staff has the same lyrics. The fourth staff is in bass clef and has the lyrics: "We are here to love." The music is a simple melody with a repeat sign at the end of each staff.

Closing chant from "Room For Us All" by The Many
<https://themanymusic.bandcamp.com/track/room-for-us-all>

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