

God of Mercy,

You bestow upon every person a dignity that cannot be extinguished, no matter the harm someone has suffered or caused.

Rooted in this sacred value of all life, we work together to transform the criminal justice system by ending the death penalty. Enliven our commitment to "work with determination for its abolition worldwide."

Ignite in our imaginations more restorative approaches to harm and violence that embody Your vision of right relationship. For any person who is a victim of, responsible for, or witness to crime, may we be vessels of Your hope, healing, and redemption.

Embolden in us the fire to foster a culture of life.

Sustain our pursuit of reconciling justice, that we may model your compassion and mercy with our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

"The death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

