

**TRANS\* DAY OF**

**REMEMBRANCE**

**VIGIL**





**Welcome everyone to  
today's vigil to mark  
Trans\* Day of  
Remembrance.**

# OPENING PRAYER FROM THE CORRYMEELA COMMUNITY

God of all creation, whose wisdom and love is boundless. You have many names and you are beyond all divisions of gender. We have many names for our sexual and gender identities. We give you thanks for the diversity of sexuality and gender. At times we deny that diversity by holding too strongly and tightly to the divisions that we ourselves create.



# OPENING PRAYER FROM THE CORRYMEELA COMMUNITY

As we come together to remember those transgender people who have been killed, taken their own lives or been injured, help us to honour their identities, and the identities of all people. Help us to create a world where everyone can live with authenticity and dignity. Help us all; who belong to every sexuality and gender, to live our own lives in true fulfilment of our different identities, in fellowship with each other and in the Love of Christ.

**Amen**



# PRAYER FOR THE TRANS\* COMMUNITY

God of creation.

We remember that you call us good, precious, worthy of protection and of love.

We thank you for every single trans\* person, those we know and those we do not know.

We bring to mind the trans\* people we know and love, especially those we know are struggling.

We ask for your strength for our community to care for our trans\* members and our trans\* selves.

We thank you for those working and fighting for our futures, in big and small ways. Strengthen them and help our community to share the work.

We seek Your strength, Your warmth and comfort, Your unconditional and boundless love.

Help us share it with each other.



God of justice,  
be with us in our grief,  
share in our anger at lives taken.  
Let your righteous anger be heard in our society.  
We seek your ways of justice, your ways of transformation, your peace.  
Guide us in your ways.  
Amen



**Please join with us in silence to  
remember those we have lost,  
and pray for those still  
fighting.**

**Leader:** To all those we have lost, we say:

**ALL:** We remember them.

**Leader:** To all those who survive, we say:

**ALL:** We cherish them.

**Leader:** To all those who fight on, we say:

**ALL:** We protect them.





# GOLDEN GOLGOTHA - JAY HULME

even when we  
wreath Him in gold  
He is still dying

here is our God  
on a cross awaiting  
the birds

sometimes  
He is beautiful, like  
we wish we were

sometimes  
He is more human  
than we

either way  
there is blood  
and iron

spear shunts  
and scratches  
and screams

some say this  
is a form of  
agony

to see God  
as broken as  
we'll all be

but where else  
in the ashes of creation

will I ever  
see a God  
who weeps

like me.



# **PRAYER ACTIVITY**

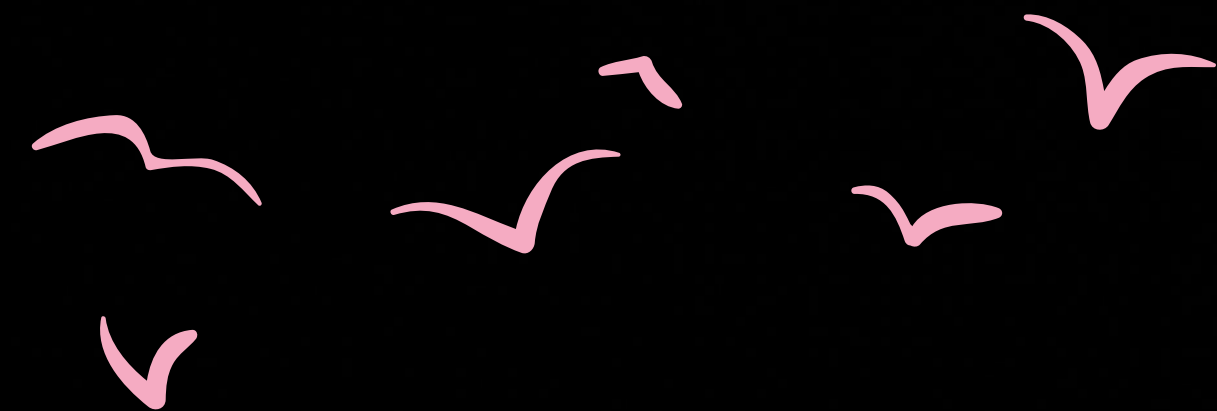
**As you listen to the words of 'Loves Majority' pick up a pencil and draw yourself in ten years' time. Don't worry about how it looks or your artistic ability, use this time to be with God thinking creatively about who you are and who you want to be. If you are struggling to start, think about simple things such as a hair cut, where do you live? Who are you? Who is God calling you to be? If you would rather sit and listen to the music please do.**

# Hope is The Thing With Feathers- Emily Dickinson

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -  
And sore must be the storm -  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm -


I’ve heard it in the chillest land -  
And on the strangest Sea -  
Yet - never - in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb - of me.





# CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, as we go from this call into our everyday lives without those we remember today, bring us comfort in Your presence. We ask Your strength to carry on fighting for our rights, Your peace when we feel lost, and Your Love and Joy when we feel alone. Let our hope for a better tomorrow rest in You. Grant us fresh hearts and new minds so that we can celebrate the fullness of human experience in the Love of Christ.



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