

O God, We Grieve the Hatred

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1. O God, we grieve the ha - tred, the ug - ly, rac - ist fear
2. We pray for those now griev - ing for loved ones who are lost;
3. We grieve our lack of cou - rage: we to - le - rate the wrong
4. O God of love and mer - cy, you teach us how to be

that hurts our com - mon liv - ing and harms those you hold dear.
we pray for peo - ple suf - fer - ing be - cause of ha - tred's cost.
of peo - ple who are ra - cist; we sim - ply go a - long.
a lov - ing, car - ing peo - ple, a kind com - mu - ni - ty.

For Mus - lims who were gath - ered to wor - ship and to pray
For all of us, now fright - ened by what ex - trem - ists do,
We let the fear con - ti - nue; we're slow to chal - lenge hate.
May we reach out to neigh - bors and wel - come oth - ers here

soon found their lives were sha - ttered as vio - lence filled their day.
we pray: O God of mer - cy! May we find strength in you!
We say, "It's not our is - sue," un - til it is too late.
for love is what is need - ed to cast out pride and fear.