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The shock and terror of the heinous crime that took the lives of six women and three men as they gathered for Bible study at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina leaves us reeling. We pray for the families of the victims and all those who are grieving; we mourn the loss of innocent lives taken; we condemn this and all such acts of racism and violence; we are heartbroken by the vicious and destructive power of hatred and prejudice; we pray for the perpetrator; and we are committed to the ongoing work for peace with justice.

As people of faith, God gives us grace to stand in the face of hatred, violence, and injustice and proclaim God's Kin-dom of love, peace, and justice. We do this in our words. We do this in our actions. Not just today, but every day.

Here at Foundry we continue to "Opt-In" for racial justice through study, advocacy, and direct service. We strive to love "not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 Jn 3:18)

Let us continue to work and to pray that God's Kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven. May God grant us grace to live as citizens of that Kin-dom even today.

In Christ,



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*"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy."*