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God, You are the Creator and Lover of all.  
You wish us to live in solidarity with each other  
and to rejoice in our diversity.

We pray that all Your lesbian, gay,  
bisexual, transgender and straight  
children may experience justice,  
enjoy peace and spread Your love  
throughout the world.

We pray in the name of God, who  
welcomes *all* to a holy circle of  
friendship. Amen.

**I pledge:**

I will work for civil and human rights for all people,  
including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgender. **Civil  
rights are not special rights.**

I will seek to stop jokes and unkind language about anyone,  
including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgender when  
spoken in my presence. **Words that hurt and bigotry are  
not funny.**

I will speak out against any slander, debasement, lies or  
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bisexuals and the transgender, including when spoken by  
political or religious leaders. **Violent speech leads to  
physical violence.**

I will work to stop physical violence against anyone,  
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2. Pray for an end to anti-gay violence
3. Educate your children, your faith community, your colleagues, your friends about the need to stop violence against all people, especially gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.
4. Take the Solidarity pledge.

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