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2. Pray for an end to anti-LGBTQI 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, transgender, queer and intersex people.
4. Take the Solidarity pledge.

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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, queer, intersex 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, transgenders, queers and intersex. **Civil rights are not special rights.**

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

I will speak out against any slander, debasement, lies or dehumanization of anyone, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, queers and intersex including when spoken by political or religious leaders. **Violent speech leads to physical violence.**

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