

God's name will still be spoken

(a prayer for the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador)

Loving and gracious Lord,

After your resurrection, you called your friends around you
And gave them this commission:

Go out to all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.

You sent us to preach
To heal
To baptize
To walk with those in darkness
And bring the joyful witness of your resurrection.

And so we've gone out through all the generations
Into encounter
To bless your people
Your most forgotten children.
And for many, that walk has taken them into danger
Into hostility
Into lands plagued by war

By disease, discord and famine.
For some, the walk has taken them all the way to Calvary
To die the martyr's death as you did
In the most loving witness.

With deep gratitude, we remember these most blessed sisters and brothers.
In particular, we remember the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador

Whose names we speak now with reverent honor:

Ignacio Ellacuría
Ignacio Martín-Baró
Amando López
Joaquín López y López
Segundo Montes
Juan Ramón Moreno
Elba Ramos
Celina Ramos.

In a time when division attempted to displace communion

When violence tried to overcome peace
When fear sought to drive out love
And when tyranny aspired to conquer liberty
These ones stood tall in a land named for you,
our Savior.

And said, "No, God's name will still be spoken here
And his Gospel will prevail."

May our lives honor those who walk with you and remain steadfast in such times.

We pray for them, for those they walk with,
For those they witness to.

And we pray that those who die like they have,
Die with you,
Rise with you,
Live with you forever in the fullness of your glory.

Amen