

“A WEEK AFTER THE ORLANDO TRAGEDY AT THE PULSE NIGHT CLUB AND BAR”

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The Interfaith Round Table has a mission to seek to create a culture of understanding and inclusion among all people - to find commonality and respect and learn from our difference. In light of the recent tragedy in Orlando, remembering those who died one year ago in Charleston, and all of the victims of fear and hate in our world, we would like to offer a moment of prayer spoken from one of the world's most respected Muslim prophets, mystic and poet of the golden rule, Jalāl ad-Dīn Muhammad Rūmī:

Be like the sun for grace and mercy. Be like the night to cover others' faults. Be like running water for generosity. Be like death for rage and anger. Be like the Earth for modesty. Appear as you are. Be as you appear.

It is our strong hope that all of us as people of faith will stand together as voices that counter hatred, violence and fear. Those feelings live in us all, but each of the great faith traditions offers a balm of mercy, compassion, love and unity.

We ask that each of us take a moment to reflect silently and join with others in our hearts to envision a world that values love, compassion and respect for the divinity within us all. The world needs our voices. Now is the time to speak from our hearts without fear.

