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**Litany ~ National Black Solidarity Sunday ~ Black Lives Matter**

Leader: Today on this National Black Solidarity Sunday, we stand together against injustice!

People: BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Leader: The church will not be silent and stand idly by while our young black women and men are unjustifiably murdered!

People: BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Leader: We join together with many across the nation creating space for justice to roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

People: BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Leader: We wear our black not only in unity with our sisters and brothers across the nation but to affirm the power we have in Christ!

People: BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Leader: For we can do all things through Christ who strengthens, liberates, transforms, delivers, and revives!

People: BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Leader: Today we honor those whose inalienable right to live was stolen away by an evil system; therefore, their blood still cries from the ground asking "Where is justice?"

People: BLACK LIVES MATTER!

Leader: We boldly and unapologetically proclaim BLACK LIVES MATTER for we are born of kings and queens, heirs to the Throne, fearfully and wonderfully made, more than conquerors, and created in the image and likeness of G-d!

All: Therefore we proclaim from the mountain tops to the valley, from far and wide... until our message is heard and change has come: BLACK LIVES MATTER!

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**Litany ~ Hands up don't shoot**

**Leader:** Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Renisha McBride, Jordan Davis, Oscar Grant, Victor Steen, Aaron Campbell

**People:** Hands Up Don't Shoot

**Leader:** Timothy Stansbury, Jonathan Ferrell, Sean Bell, Amadou Diallo, Eric Garner, Marvin Booker, Alonzo Ashley... and many others

**People:** Hands Up Don't Shoot

**Leader:** We live in a time where social media is anti-social, televangelist have become impersonal pastors to many, and where our communities no longer commune.

**People:** Hands Up Don't Shoot

**Leader:** We live in a time where some of the people who are called to protect and serve chose to seek, kill, and destroy

**People:** Hands Up Don't Shoot

**Leader:** Yet we stand will our hands raised to you O Lord, surrendering to you; soliciting your protection, covering and strength

**People:** Hands Up in Surrender

**Leader:** We stand with our hands up representing power and authority in Christ for we are more than conquerors

**People:** Hands Up with Power

**Leader:** We stand with our hands up ready to run the race, fight the good fight, and speak truth to power through your strength and your power

**People:** Hands On!

**Leader:** No more bullets with our name on it, no more mothers and fathers crying over unjust murders, no more murderers hiding behind a false sense of power, no more of our children's blood crying from the ground!

**All:** Our hands are raised in surrender to almighty G-d; our hands are raised ready to receive Your Power; our hands are on the plow ready to do justice for no weapon formed shall prosper! Hands Up Don't Shoot!