My Prayer to My Brother
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To my brother, Tou, who is in pain and angry (to all my brothers & sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins) ~

I hear you and feel it too my Beloved Brother. I do. I too-*"am Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired".* This Time has to be different because we need your voice "Alive" to continue to fight for Justice for you, for your children, your children's children for the voices that were silenced by depraved indifference to Black Human Life. This Time is different because our voices are being heard and will continue to be heard each and every time a person stands up and says in a loud resounding voice, enough is enough! Don't stop speaking out and fighting for justice. Don't let the despair take your voice in martyrdom. Live for the voiceless. Vote. Our Ancestors did not die for you to join them in death but to live to bend the Arch of the Moral Compass of Justice Dr. King spoke about and President Obama did help to bend it! We have to continue the work to build the beloved community. This Time we don't have to do it alone as a people. This Time is different because we are joined by allies of young people who are the Hope and Change for a Better Future! Lead my Beloved Brother. Not in death but in Life. We wake up each morning by God's Grace & Mercy. The Lord weeps with us and strengths us to continue to represent God's Glory on Earth. George Floyd's death was not in vain. Breonna Taylor's death was not in vain, Sean Reed's death was not in vain. Ahmaud Arbery's death was not in vain. Atatiana Jefferson's death

was not in vain. Philando Castile's death was not in vain, Amadou Diallo, Michael Brown, Freddie Gray, Sandra Bland, Rodney King, Tamir Rice, Emmett Till and too many others of our sisters' and brothers' Black Body deaths were not in vain because ~ We Are Here to continue to fight for Justice for them and for our children too. Your work must continue! Use the anger & pain to fight the good fight Killer Mike from Atlanta talked about! (YouTube it). Use your voice to continue to lead our young people with the example set by Congressman John Lewis (who looks like dad!), Representative Elijah Cummings, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Fannie Lou Hamer*, Hon. Malcolm X when he came back from Mecca, 17 year old Jalen Thompson of O'Fallon, Missouri and other civil rights/social justice leaders! We need your constructive voice to build what can't be built without YOU! Our ancestors have been here before. Don't add to their deaths by dying too soon. Live to fight because God woke you up this morning to continue God's work of Justice through you and I and all of us so our children won't have to fight the same fight too!

This Time it is different because our voices are magnified in those who are protesting-all people have come together to build God's Beloved Community in the midst of dysfunctional and racist national leadership. Disrupt the Racist agenda of Black Genocide. George Floyd and Eric Garner could not breathe because their voices were taken from them. Breathe For Them Now. So your, my, and our country's future children won't ever have to be put in a position where they Can't Breathe Again and Again. We need you to Breathe. This time is different. We will make it different! Love You & Can't lose you to a hashtag. Enough is Enough! Tear Gas, Flash Grenades, Rubber Bullets, Clubs, Armed Bayonets, Mounted Horses, Hovering Helicopters and Humvees won't stop





