

Sri gurubhyo namaH  
HariH OM  
Shambhave NamaH

## Sri Siva Vishnu Temple's Statement on the Current Protests for Racial Justice

We pray for the divine blessings of harmony, reconciliation and healing for all living beings. We denounce the misguided actions by individuals who took away innocent lives. We pray and support all who are fighting for equal justice under law, and for every American's unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Sri Siva Vishnu Temple (SSVT) advocates for the world-wide acceptance of diversity, tolerance and inclusion in accordance with the principles enshrined in the Upanishads of "Vasudhaiva kutumbakam" meaning "the whole world is one family." As we reflect on recent events, we recognize our own responsibility to continue to promote inclusion, tolerance and diversity in our larger community and within SSVT. We are proud of our collective commitment to zero tolerance of discrimination and disrespectful behavior.

The principles of Hinduism, and the practices of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela can be used to take action and initiate a conversation to address the historical discrimination faced by people of color and marginalized communities.

Om, Sarve bhavantu sukhinah Sarve santu nirāmayāḥ |  
Sarve bhadraṇi paśyantū Mā kashchit duḥkha bhāgbhaveth ||  
Om Shāntiḥ, Shāntiḥ, Shāntiḥ

May everyone be prosperous and happy, May everyone be free from illness,  
May everyone see/experience what is spiritually uplifting, May no one suffer  
May Everyone be filled with Peace, Divine knowledge and Bliss