



*2016 CAJM Rally*

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## 40 Days of Prayer in Preparation for the Nehemiah Action

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A prayer offered in solidarity to our brothers and sisters at CAJM:

God whose name is Love,

As we prepare ourselves in Columbia to travel and stand side by side with our brothers and sisters in justice at the CAJM Nehemiah Action, we pray for strength and courage. Strength to recognize and honor all that brings us together, when some would prefer us divided. Courage to see the injustices in our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters and to speak and act boldly against them in an unshakable, united voice.

Give us the wisdom and clarity, God, to see through opposition and remember for whom we are fighting. Help each of us to individually locate ourselves within a collective struggle and deepen our sense of loyalty to neighbor. Calm in us the compulsion to accept a watered down version of oppression, in the place of demanding freedom and fairness for all of your people. Keep with us a constant reminder of the urgency of now and prop us up when we are weary, as we know it is not an option to walk away or give in to fatigue. Allow us to identify in our collectivity reservoirs of hope and offer us resolve to straighten our backs just when it feels impossible not to bend.

As fellow communities of faith in Charleston prepare to speak truth to power, offer them comfort when they feel exhaustion. Choosing to truly live out the very best version of who we are meant to be has never been an easy journey - provide us all with comfort in knowing that when we work for justice, we are who you call us to be.

We ask that you stand with us as we stand with CAJM, working together to create a more just South Carolina. Amen.

*Kayla Gilchrist  
Lead Organizer, Central Midlands Justice Ministry*

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**Nehemiah Action  
Monday, April 24, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, N Charleston**

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*CAJM is a network of 30 faith-based congregations who come together with one goal: to make the Charleston area more just. We are religiously, socio-economically, geographically, and racially diverse and together, we speak with one powerful voice for justice for our community.*

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