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A Nation in Turmoil

In the light of the recent horrifying events that took place in Minnesota leading to the death of George Floyd, I feel I need to make a statement as the President of the Arizona Conference.

There is no way to fully understand how horrible a normal person feels when they see the "inhumanity of man towards man," as Ellen White called it, when George Floyd was brutally assaulted and killed by people who are supposed to be upholding the law, not trampling on it.

I'm also truly appalled at the way the mayor and local authorities handled this situation. No matter how you look at it, these so-called police officers were the real criminals in Mr. Floyd's death. I would hope these officers receive the full measure of punishment that the law will allow.

Yes, this was truly an act of racism, but not just against African Americans, but against the entire "Human Race." No human being, regardless of color, creed, gender, ethnicity, or age should ever be treated this way.

We pray for God to strengthen the Floyd family, our African American community, our country, and God's church. We can clearly see there are still issues of inequality that need to be eradicated before our country can "rise up to live out it's creed that all men are created equal," to quote Dr. Martin Luther King!

I also have a hard time understanding how you honor the tragic loss a fellow human, who was brutally mistreated to the point of death, by going out and mistreating other innocent people, with riots, and destroying property, and looting stores. A logical, normal person can easily see that only makes things worse and adds more grief to this already hurting family. If I was a member of the Floyd family, I would certainly not want that to be my lost loved one's legacy.

May we as God's children always stand for what's right, but doing as Jesus did, with love and concern for everyone. Speaking of God's servant (prophetically Jesus) Isaiah says in chapter 42 of his book "A bruised reed he will not break."

May God bless our country, our churches, and all His children.

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