

CALL TO RESIST: Transgender Justice

Lent 5: Week of April 3

The rights of transgender people in our church, country and world are under assault. And too many good, progressive folks are not doing enough to counter and condemn this violence. In 2022, over 200 anti-LGBTQ bills have been filed so far, with over half specifically targeting trans people, particularly youth. This follows 2021 as the most anti-LGBTQ legislative session in history. This hypervisibility typically comes at the expense of trans people who are demonized and scapegoated by politicians and in media. Our faith demands that we take action, rise up, and resist.

In the wake of last week's [International Week \(and Day\) of Transgender Visibility](#), let us commit ourselves to taking the following actions:

- Call/email your 2 Senators, thank them and ask them to prioritize pushing for the passage of the [Equality Act](#).
- Drawing on Jesus' preference for the structurally marginalized and the human impulse of tenderness toward the vulnerable, one inner-focused action we can all take is to learn more about and from transgender people so we can better allies. The GLAAD site has these [Tips for Allies](#).
- From [GLAAD's webpage dedicated to the 2022 Day of Visibility](#): One outward facing action we can all take is to email the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services & tell them to stop investigating the families of trans children. Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton have shamefully attempted to [reclassify trans-affirming care](#) for minors as "child abuse." There are similar cruel anti-trans efforts underway in Alabama, Florida, Arizona, Missouri, Kansas, and South Carolina, where bills limiting trans-affirming healthcare, and sports participation are currently advancing through state

governments. If you have friends in these states, reach out and ask them to speak out against these sinful bills.

- Support the faith based organizing and prophetic work of Parity, their [Transgender Safety Network](#), including their support of [LGBTQ Ukrainians](#) in need.
- [Contact President Biden](#) and ask him to continue to support [Trans Rights](#)