Muslims for Progressive Values' Statement on Christchurch

*Muslims for Progressive Values calls out hate mongers who pitch us against each other.*

**LOS ANGELES** - **March 15, 2019** - [PRLog](https://prlog.org) -- We belong to God and to God we return. May the Creator grant peace to those in Christchurch and ease the pain of their loved ones.

The hatred that led to this incident is the latest manifestation of a bigger problem worldwide. In whatever context or nation such executions occur, the language of hate is the underlying motivator that empowers the murderous among us and perpetuates the deadly game of vendetta they play, regardless of whose side they are on. Today we mourn the deaths of Muslims in New Zealand, but we do not ignore other atrocities occurring elsewhere that are perpetuated against non-Muslims. Compassion and justice are not exclusive properties restricted to either tribal affiliation or belief system.

The Christchurch massacre is a stark reminder that the hateful words of people in power have dreadful consequences for the innocent. As we show compassion for our own, let us extend it to all. Let us reject the rhetoric of any leader who pits us against each other, be that leader a president, a politician or a religious authority. God knows who they are and sees what they do.

Since 2007, MPV has been out in front of American Muslim organizations in the call for human rights and equality. MPV is a faith-based, grassroots, American human rights NGO that advocates for human rights, social justice and inclusion in the United States and around the world. As a progressive Muslim voice, MPV participates in civil discourse, engages with the media and government entities, and partners with both Muslim and non-Muslim progressive organizations.

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