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Good morning. I wish I could be with you here today. As your Mayor, I stand with you in solidarity and would here with you today. I am out of town on family business—a family trip that was planned prior. I wished I could be with you here today. ~~to your peaceful demonstrations.~~

As your Mayor, I have spent time this week reflecting on ~~the murder of George Floyd and~~ what we ~~are~~ continue to seeing witness across around this nation. ~~George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. Ahmaud Arbery. Atatiana Jefferson.~~

I am tired.

I am exhausted.

I know you are too.

This nation is in a moral crisis. Racism has been a long-festering wound eating away at our collective humanity. Anti-black racism is what compelled an officer to suffocate an unarmed black man for nine minutes, ignoring that man while he pleaded for his life, saying he couldn't breathe, crying out for his mother as he suffered.

Where is our humanity as a nation?

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