

Say Their Names: A Trans Day of Remembrance Hymn Text

Amanda Udis-Kessler, October 11, 2025 (NCOD); tune is Stand by Me (Tindley)

(In lieu of the echo, “say their names,” feel free to call out the name of a trans person who has been taken from us too soon.)

Every day, we will remember. Say their names. (Say their names.)
With a love so fierce and tender, say their names. (Say their names.)
In the morning, noon, and night, in our sadness and our fright,
We will honor and uphold them. Say their names. (Say their names.)

They were funny, kind, and clever. Say their names. (Say their names.)
They will live in us forever. Say their names. (Say their names.)
We’ll continue on their path for we understand the task.
We will build a world of justice. Say their names. (Say their names.)

They were wonderfully created. Say their names. (Say their names.)
Let their worth not go unstated. Say their names. (Say their names.)
In their beauty, they were free as they lived who they must be.
We are glad and we are grateful. Say their names. (Say their names.)

May our lives become a witness. Say their names. (Say their names.)
May our sorrow birth resistance. Say their names. (Say their names.)
We will work in hope and care till there’s freedom everywhere
And each life becomes a blessing. Say their names. (Say their names.)