

What a day of shame!

Tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy SJ

What a day of shame! Where will you hide your Political fame!
Someone hounded to death, by the cruelty of the system,
Because of their political views.
These are not deaths, but state/courts sponsored murders.

Denied a water sipper, then a straw.
Inhuman treatment with no charge established.
If this is not fascism then what is?
Minorities are arrested for sharing memes,
Students are jailed for raising slogans,
Activists are jailed for Dissent.
Has the collective conscience of the 'POWER MONGERS'
Been satisfied with the death of Swamy in custody?

A Jesuit priest: Molded on Ignatian Tradition
A Social Activist: Who walked with the poor!
A Tribal Rights Promoter: Who accompanied the marginalized!
A human rights defender: Who journeyed for justice!
Denied bail and basic rights; as in death
He passed away fighting for human dignity.
He was a true SWAMY with compassion and love.
One cannot forget his politeness, calmness, his smile.
Justice delayed is justice denied.

Any autopsy of how the state and courts failed Swamy
Will also certainly be a case of too little, too late.
And we can only hope and pray
that there will be at least some in the
system who would be adequately ashamed
and spurred into action to restore its sensitivity.
Until then, the state must live with blood on its hand.
and we with our collective shame.

Father STAN SWAMY!
You are finally free. But not in the way we'd have liked.
Rest in POWER!



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