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Statement on the police shooting of Walter Wallace Jr.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph are deeply saddened and weary over the police shooting of a black man—Walter Wallace Jr., in West Philadelphia on October 26.

Our hearts broke as we watched video of Walter's mother trying to shield her son from the police as she pleaded for his life explaining that he was her son who suffered with mental health issues before she witnessed his death.

We hold Walter's family in prayer as they mourn the loss of a son, a brother, a husband and a father.

We also pray in gratitude for the police who serve us at risk of their own lives and do so with justice, integrity and compassion.

Let us pray for patience in our city as we await the results of a thorough investigation of Walter's death and continue to pray for peace in our hearts, our streets, our country and our world.