

Prayers in Response to Acts of Terrorism

Loving God,

Welcome into your arms

the victims of violence and terrorism.

Comfort their families and all who grieve for them.

Protect and shield all emergency workers

who deal with the horrors of the aftermath.

Guide the medical staff

who seek to bring healing to the injured survivors.

Soothe the wounds, calm anxious hearts,

keep disturbing dreams at bay.

Help us in our fear and uncertainty,

and bless us with the knowledge

that we are secure in your love.

Strengthen all those who work for peace,

and may the peace the world cannot give

reign in our hearts

and enable us to forgive.

These things we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace,

Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

God of Hope,

we come to you in shock and grief and confusion of heart.

Help us to find peace in the knowledge

of your loving mercy to all your children,

and give us light to guide us out of our darkness

into the assurance of your love,

In Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Compassionate God and Father of all,

we are horrified at violence

in so many parts of the world.

It seems that none are safe,

and some are terrified.

Hold back the hands that kill and maim;

turn around the hearts that hate.

Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -

peace that passes our understanding

but changes lives;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Merciful God,

hear the cries of our grief,

for you know the anguish of our hearts.

It is beyond our understanding

and more than we can bear.

We pray that justice may be done

and that we may treasure the memory of their lives

more than the manner of their death.

For Christ's sake.

Amen

Eternal God,

in whose perfect realm

no sword is drawn but the sword of justice,

and no strength known but the strength of love:

Guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom,

that peoples and nations may find their security

in the love which casts out fear;

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen