

## For the Victims of an Act of Terrorism

*Written in remembrance of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing on 15 April 2013.*

Merciful God in heaven: Grant, we beseech thee, peace and rest to those whose lives were taken *in the terrorist attack in N.*, and comfort those who mourn them. Give strength and courage to those who were injured, and bless those who minister unto them. Grant the people of *N.* the resolve to carry on their lives with faith and dignity, that they may bear witness to thy salvation, and may come eventually to know the joys of thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## For the Cessation of Violence

*Written after the assaults in Baton Rouge, St Paul, and Dallas, on 5, 6, and 7 July 2016.*

Almighty God, Creator of all men, unto whom the blood of Abel crieth from the ground: Deliver us, we beseech thee, from the fear and anger which driveth Cain to rise up and slay his brother. Grant us the courage to forgive, and the humility to be forgiven; cast away the beams from our eyes, that we may truly see all men as our brothers in Christ; and vouchsafe us to live in peace and harmony until the coming of thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

May *the souls of those lost to violence in N.* (or, *the soul of N.*), and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Amen.*

☩. Rest eternal grant unto *them*, O Lord.

☩. *And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

☩. May *they* rest in peace.

☩. *Amen.*

## **For the Victims of Hatred**

*Written after the assault on the Pulse night club in Orlando on 12 June 2016.*

Almighty God, Father of all mankind: we beseech thee to turn the hearts of those who through malice and hatred would seek to injure or oppress the stranger, the sojourner, and the Samaritan in our midst; for these are the neighbours whom thou hast commanded us to love, and it is in our demonstration of this love that we shew forth to all nations that we are, indeed, thy children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **For the Works of Faith**

*Written after the assault on the Pulse night club in Orlando on 12 June 2016.*

Merciful God, whose Son warned his apostles that, like good trees and corrupt, we should be known by our fruit: Grant that we may prove our living faith with good works, and that we may proclaim the Gospel not only in our words but also in our deeds. Give us eager hearts to confront evil, to overcome the ills of the world, and to build thy Kingdom here on earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **For the Refugees of the World (World Refugee Day, 20 June)**

*Written originally in response to the plight of Syrian refugees following the attacks in Paris on 13 November 2015.*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto our cry: We are strangers with thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: bondmen whom thou leddest out of oppression through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm. Grant us, therefore, the meekness of heart to preserve the stranger, as thou hast done, and to relieve the fatherless and widows. Send us thy Holy Spirit to inspire us to feed the hungry, and give drink to the thirsty; to take in the stranger; to clothe the naked; and to visit the sick and the prisoner. For only as we do unto the least of these our brethren do we shew forth the love of Jesus Christ to all unbelievers; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*