

A Prayer for After a Tragedy

Sign of the Cross

Presider:

Lord, we gather in your name today after the tragic events in _____ . Our hearts go out to the victims and all those who have experienced loss.

Reader:

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Read the parable of the Good Samaritan: Luke 10:29-37

Presider:

We pray for all those who lost their lives during this tragedy. We pray for [insert the names of people who have died and state their names slowly, pausing and praying for each individual person]. May they find peace in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for their families who are suffering pain from the loss of a loved one. May they find comfort and courage to face this pain in your loving presence.

We pray for the first responders and those who helped during and immediately after the tragedy. May their work be an inspiration for us all to act like the Good Samaritan in service to others.

We pray also for those responsible for this tragedy. May the Lord's justice and mercy lead them to repentance.

Let us end by joining together in praying the words that Jesus taught us:

Our Father

Amen