

Prayers for comfort

God of all mercies
and giver of all comfort,
look graciously, we pray, on those who mourn,
that, casting all their care on you,
they may know the consolation of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God,
Father of the whole family in heaven and on earth,
stand by those who sorrow;
that, as they lean on your strength,
they may be upheld,
and believe the good news of life beyond life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of boundless compassion,
our only sure comfort in distress,
look tenderly upon your children
overwhelmed by loss and sorrow.
Lighten our darkness with your presence
and assure us of your love.
Enable us to see beyond this place and time
to your eternal kingdom,
promised to all who love you in Christ the Lord. Amen.

(from "The Funeral" Supplemental Liturgical Resource 4, Westminster Press, pp. 47-48)

Prayer for Police Officers

O Almighty God, Whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe,
watch over all police and law enforcement officers everywhere.
Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty
to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence.
We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe, day and night.
We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous.
Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments.
Dear God, protect these brave men and women.
Grant them your almighty protection,
unite them safely with their families after duty has ended.
Please God, grant us this we pray.

(Catholic Online website)

At a Time of Tragedy

God of compassion, you watch our ways,
And weave out of terrible happenings
wonders of goodness and grace.
Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy
with a sense of your present love,
and hold them in faith.
Though they are lost in grief,
May they find you and be comforted;
Through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives
And rules this world with you. Amen.

Book of Common Worship, p. 120

A Prayer for Peace Brother Roger of Taizé

Lord Christ,
Taken aback by all the violence, the harsh oppositions.
Like a gentle breeze, you breathe upon us the Spirit of peace.
Transfigure the deserts of our doubts,
and so prepare us to be bearers of reconciliation wherever you place us,
until the day when a hope of peace dawns in our world. Amen.

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A Prayer for Racial and Cultural Diversity

O God,
you created all people in your image.
We thank you for the astonishing variety
of races and cultures in this world.
Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship,
and show us your presence in those who differ most from us,
until our knowledge of your love is made perfect
in our love for all your children;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer (Augsburg Fortress, 1979), p. 840.

A Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image
and redeemed us through Jesus your Son.
Look with compassion on the whole human family,
take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts,
break down the walls that separate us,
unite us in the bonds of love,
and, through our struggle and confusion,
work to accomplish your purposes on earth;
that in your good time,
all nations and races may serve you in harmony
around your heavenly throne;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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