Hashkeiveinu Adonai, dear Adonai our God, lay us down in peacefulness.

The shelters built to protect our loved ones instead consumed them. Out of anguish we cry out begging Adonai that you lovingly and peacefully guard over them as they now go to their final resting places.

V’Ha’amideinu, raise up our lives Adonai.

Our loved ones were young and old, were Latinex, Jewish, Sephardic, New Yorkers, immigrants, they were retirees and they were college students. They were members of Ramah, of Camp Judea, they were synagogue members, JCC supporters. Their lives were rich and full.

Adonai we implore you that the stories of their lives live beyond their years in precious memories, prompting shared laughter and evoking collective tears.

U’fos Aleinu Sukkat Shlomeicha, Gather us together protectively under the wings of your protective love.

Care for our communities during this awful uncertain dwindling times while facing this very certain sad outcome – may we all gather to lovingly send off the victims of Surfside to their final resting places with them.

We are living in the quiet moments of the “what ifs” and the “if onlys” wishing to turn back time and change the record of events even as we look ahead and pray that the poor souls caught at Surfside be gathered Adonai into your protective loving wings and that we might with their loved ones escort them on their final journeys with the peace they deserve.

We offer love and prayers to their loved ones, their families, their friends like families and all who cared for them. May you all be comforted, may we all be comforted, by the warm protective wings of shekhina in our coming and our going. Amen.