

## יָחַד נִעַמְדָה יְחַד Let Us Stand Up Together\*

A Prayer for the Victims of the Attack at the Sikh Temple

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We stand together in grief  
For the innocent victims  
Of the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin  
Who perished in their house of prayer.  
May their memories be a blessing,  
May their lights shine brightly upon us.

We stand together in mourning  
For broken hearts,  
The senseless loss, the shock, the emptiness.

We stand together in outrage,  
Weary of this war-torn hate-filled world  
And together we pray:

Send comfort, God, to grieving families,  
Hear their cries.  
Fill them with the courage  
To carry on in the face of this tragic loss.  
Send healing to the wounded.  
Lift them up, ease their pain,  
Restore them to strength, to hope, to life.  
Gather the sacred souls of the slaughtered  
Into Your eternal shelter,  
Let them find peace in Your presence, God.

Work through us, God,  
Show us how to help.  
Open our hearts so we can comfort the mourning,  
Open our arms so we can extend our hands,  
Transform our helplessness into action,  
Turn the prayers of our souls into acts of kindness and compassion.

Let us stand up together  
Our young and our old,  
All races and faiths,  
All people and nations.  
Rise up above hatred  
And cruelty and indifference.  
Let us live up to our goodness  
Let us learn from this tragedy  
Let us walk together  
United in hope  
On a path of peace, Amen.

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\* From this week's *haftarah*, the second *haftarah* of comfort (Isaiah 50:8)