

A Prayer in the Wake of the Boston Marathon Bombing

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We reach out to the people of America.
We pray for healing of body and soul
For all those who were injured
And for a city traumatized by terror.
We call out to them: You are not alone!

“May God be your refuge and stronghold,
Sheltering you from the fear that strikes at night
And the terror that flies by day.” (Psalm 91)

May you find strength
In the loving concern of those
Who condemn violence and terror;
In the selfless devotion of the first responders
Who came to your aid;
In the prayers and good wishes
Of people everywhere
Who are thinking of you in this dark hour.

“When God calls on me, I will answer.
God is with me in times of distress
God rescues me and shows me salvation.” (Psalm 91)

We know, we believe with complete faith,
That violence is never the answer;
That those who learn to speak to one another
Can create a world of harmony and peace.
Amen