

## A Prayer of Hope After the Boston Marathon Bombing

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God of peace, God of healing  
God of the grief-stricken,  
We call You, we invoke You  
We pray to You:  
*Oh my God*, we called out to You  
as a day of celebration  
Turned to mourning.  
*Oh my God*  
The shock  
The senselessness  
Innocent lives cut short  
Wounded victims  
Heartbreaking cries of panic and grief.  
But through the darkness came  
The light  
The hope  
The heroes  
The selfless caring of first responders  
Arms extended in comfort and love,  
Your messengers on earth.  
God, send comfort to grieving families,  
Send healing to the wounded,  
Send wisdom and strength to doctors and nurses  
Send calm to hearts filled with panic.  
Bless us with peace, God,  
Show us that we will rebuild  
In the face of tragedy.  
Grant us the power and wisdom  
To bring justice to those who harm us.  
Teach us that we will triumph over terror.  
We will not let this tragedy twist our spirits  
We choose hope over fear.  
We are resilient, we are strong  
We are one nation under God  
We will come together, hand in hand  
We will rebuild.  
Amen.