



Anglican Church of Canada Diocese of Saskatoon

The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you all today in the pain and sorrow of what is incomprehensible through the events of today. Starting in James Smith First Nation and now extending out to the whole of Saskatchewan and as of a few moments ago now alerts are being raised in Alberta and Manitoba.

Multiple deaths and injury are now in the news, and the two young men named as the attackers are still on the loose. RCMP, E.M.S./ First Response, Fire and Rescue are all on high alert as they search for the individuals who committed such horrible acts of violence. It is days and events such as this that remind us that, we in actuality have little under control, and that when our human might and control fail, we naturally turn to the hopeful power of prayer.

I ask all clergy to step into prayer and to ask your prayer circles to reach out to all our church membership to pray for peace and comfort for all in regard to the horrific events of today. Lift up your prayers for all in James Smith First Nation, The Chief and Council, Bishops Michael and Bishop Adam of Saskatchewan, Rev's. Wilfred and Theresa Sanderson, the community of Weldon, Sk. For all victims, deceased, injured and the innocent. Pray for all families involved, our RCMP, Peace Officers, EMS and First Responders, Fire and Rescue, and all who serve the common good. Prayer for the Doctors and Nurses who are working in Emergency Wards. Pray for the youth who are caught up in gang life, addictions, and are broken and in need of healing.

*Almighty God, Creator and protector,
we your children of creation pause our busy world to lift our prayers to you in this time of need.
Calm our minds as we strive and struggle to understand the violence of the day and in our midst.
Be peace and strength for those who have lost loved ones
and the innocent caught up in the storm of incomprehensible terror.
We lift up to you our young people, the brokenness of families, the internal struggles of all.
May your light banish the darkness of our world and may truth and respect again rise within us all.
Protect our protectors and guide all who serve the common good.
Bring peace to our conflicted and embattled world,
where all struggle to hear you as we have become deaf because of the rush and roar of this time and age.
Open our eyes to see what you have revealed, open our hearts that we might again know love and peace.
Fill the communities and churches with your grace
that we might again be love, peace, forgiveness and hope to all peoples, especially for the days ahead.
Strengthen the ministry and healing teams that will be tasked in the coming moments ahead,
and finally strengthen our prayers, that we may be one in voice and peace,
this we pray in He who is peace, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.
Amen*

In closing, may peace and protection be with you all, stay in prayer, and may God bless you all. + + +

+ Christopher Saskatoon

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