***For All Affected by Violence***

Lord, Jesus, because you suffered

by violence and died for us,

You know intimately how unique

is the grief when one dies by violence.

In the face of so much tragedy in the world,

may our hearing of it inspire us to pray regularly

for all those who experience this trauma

and for those who are dear to them.

Like your all embracing love,

may our charity extend to every person

responsible for these affronts to

human dignity and God’s honor.

Let not the usual remoteness of these actions

lead us to indifference or insensitivity

to the need for prayer,

for we are all truly members of one another.

May our prayers reinforce our witness,

so that the violence of our time may be overcome

and its resultant bitterness be transcended

by you who alone

can abate the hatreds if the human heart.

Amen

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