

## **World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims**

*This day provides an opportunity to draw the public's attention to road traffic crashes, their consequences and costs, and the measures which can be taken to prevent them. The day also provides an opportunity to remind governments and society of their responsibility to make roads safer.*

*While road traffic deaths are counted in the year they occur, a family remains bereaved forever. The bereaved are not counted or included in road traffic injury data. Many others remain deeply affected by the loss of a friend, colleague, neighbour or member of the community. The effect on the emergency services, whose work involves facing the consequences of crashes on a daily basis, is also profound. Road traffic injuries leave behind shattered families and communities.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

- 1.** We pray for those who have suffered injury as a result of a road crash; those who live with life-limiting injuries, those who have experienced trauma, and those who care for them; bless them with confidence, resilience and hope. **Lord, hear us.**
- 2.** For all road users: help them to drive with care and consideration for the safety of others. **Lord, hear us.**
- 3.** We pray for those who build vehicles and those who design and build our roads. Bless with wisdom and foresight those whose work it is to make our roads safe. May they always strive for the highest standards of safety. **Lord hear us.**
- 4.** Give to us, and to all who use the roads, consideration and care for other road users. Grant to those who travel on our roads consideration for others and a determination to avoid driving in ways which could endanger others. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For those who walk or cycle on the roads and those who play beside them. For those who are travelling today whether by land, air or sea. Give them protection on the way and a safe arrival at their destination. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray for those who experience anxiety, fear, and apprehension on our roads. Calm their fears, bless their journeying and help them to recognise your presence in their lives. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who grieve for a loved one who has died in a road accident. Console, comfort and support those who suffer. May they find peace, healing, and faith. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who have died tragically on our roads; grant them eternal peace. **Lord, hear us.**

### **Jewish Prayer**

In the rising of the sun and in its going down we remember them;  
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter we remember them;  
In the opening of the buds and in the warmth of summer we remember them;  
In the rustling of the leaves and the beauty of the autumn we remember them;  
In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them;  
When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them;  
When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.  
So long as we live, they too shall live for they are now a part of us as we remember them.

## **The Motorist's Prayer**

Grant me, O Lord, a steady hand and watchful eye  
that no one shall be hurt as I pass by.

You gave life, I pray no act of mine  
may take away or mar that gift of Thine.

Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear my company  
from the evils of fire and all calamity.

Teach me to use my car for others need;

Nor miss through love of undue speed  
the beauty of the world; that thus I may,  
with joy and courtesy, go on my way.

Saint Christopher, holy patron of travellers,  
protect me and lead me safely to my destiny. **Amen.**