

**PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE  
FOR THE  
COMMUNITY OF CREESLOUGH  
(FOR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS)**



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### **Prayer for the Grieving Community of Creeslough**

Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent tragedies. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the days ahead.

Help us respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of all the people of Creeslough.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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### **God is our refuge**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with  
its tumult.

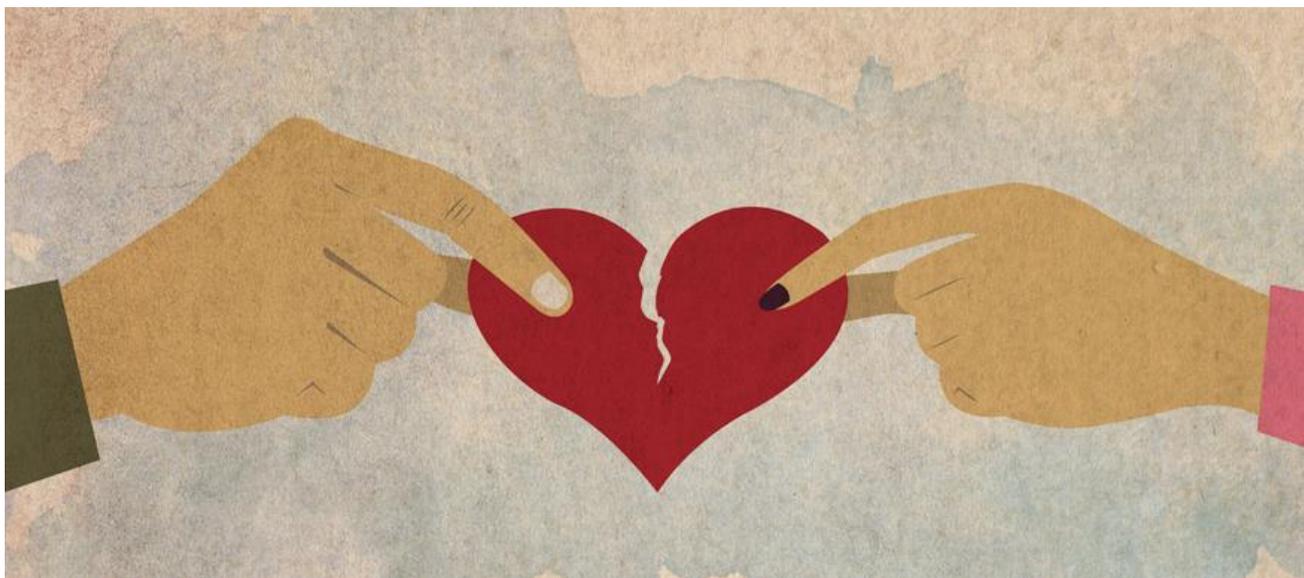
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

(Psalm 46)

## **PRAYER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS**



### **Sign of the Cross**

#### **Celebrant:**

Lord, we gather in your name today after the tragic events in Creeslough. Our hearts and prayers go to those who have tragically lost their lives, their families, and those who have experienced loss, trauma or distress.

#### **Opening Prayer**

Almighty, all-loving God,  
we cry to you from the darkness of grief and the depth of bereavement.  
We seek your compassion and your embrace for the community of Creeslough and for individuals and families most directly affected by this tragedy.

Comfort them in their loss and welcome those who have died into the gentle care of your peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(2Cor 1:3-7)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**R./ The Lord is my Shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. R./

He guides me along the right path,  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness,  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. R./  
You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil,  
my cup is overflowing. R./  
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the lord's own house shall I dwell,  
for ever and ever. R./

## **Gospel**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (11: 25-30)

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

We ask your blessing on all who give comfort and on all who provide support in a time when words alone struggle to give voice to sorrow.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all those who lost their lives during this tragedy. We pray for Jessica Gallagher, James O’Flaherty, Martin McGill, Catherine O’Donnell, James Monaghan, Hugh Kelly, Martina Martin, Robert Garwe, Shauna Flanagan, Leona Harper. May they find peace in your heavenly kingdom. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those who were injured. Strengthen them each day with your healing on the road to recovery. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for their families who are suffering pain from the loss of a loved one. May they find comfort and courage to face this pain in your loving presence. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the first responders and those who helped during and immediately after the tragedy. May their work be an inspiration for us all to act like the Good Samaritan in service to others. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the community of Creeslough. May they find strength in their love and support for each other, and know God’s peace, solace and hope in their suffering **Lord, hear us.**

Let us end by joining together in praying the words that Jesus taught us:

Our Father

## **Final Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
as our faith in your Son,  
raise from the dead, is deepened,  
listen to our prayers for those who have died.  
May their gentle souls find rest  
as you awaken them to glory with your Son,  
in whose great mystery of love we are all united.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**