

PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY MASSACRE IN SRI LANKA

Canberra Interfaith Forum

Please find below the prayer on behalf of the Canberra Interfaith Forum on the tragic massacre in Sri Lanka which was read out in St Christopher's cathedral on Sunday, 28 April, 2019

We express tonight our deep shock, sorrow and deep anguish at the massive death and injury toll in Sri Lanka, of our brothers and sisters in faith and in humanity.

We lament the descent into the darkness of destruction and hatred which is at its core.

We offer our prayers for all the victims - and all the bereaved and all the injured.

We pray for a world not of conquest but of coexistence.

We pray for a world not of cruelty but of mercy.

We pray for a world not of murder and of bloodlust but of loving-kindness.

We pray for a world not of malice but of grace.

We pray for a world not of desecration but of devotion.

We pray for a world which expresses love for the stranger.

We pray for a world ruled not by the desire for death, but by respect for the sanctity of life.

We pray for Peace on Earth and Good Will to all Humanity.

We pray for the love of neighbour, of fellow human, this integral teaching of all faith.

We pray for a world ruled by Justice by Truth and by Peace.

We pray for a world which recognises the humanity of others, of those who are not like us, who do not live as we live - or believe as we believe.

From the depths of our sorrow we pray for the radiant Divine Light of Healing and Redemption.