

**A Prayer for the Victims of the Boston Marathon Explosion**  
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Most Holy God –

We pray in this time of confusion, chaos and sorrow for those who have been injured and killed in Boston.

We pray for the loved ones who grieve for those they love.

We pray for an end to violence and anger.

May we each be a sign of Your hope, peace and love for our hurting nation and world, and may we keep those most deeply affected by this tragedy in our hearts and in our prayers.

Comfort those who mourn. Bless those who face a long road of recovery and healing. Bless the first responders and all those who now care for the victims.

Help each of us, Lord, to find the courage and strength to be the sources of compassion and care in the world You call us to be.

Amen.