

Upon the Events Aug. 22 – Sept. 10, 2025 The Assassination of Charlie Kirk, et. al.

Father in Heaven,

With heavy hearts full of grief for what we have witnessed this week, we come to You, casting our anxieties on You because You care for us. In this moment of need, hear our prayer.

Father, we lament the senseless destruction of so many lives in recent weeks and days in our nation. We cry out to You for mercy on the widows, orphans, and broken families left in the wake of these atrocities. Oh, God, in Your greatest compassion, give comfort to those who mourn with incomparable grief today.

We lament that we find ourselves daily inundated by the worst expressions of mankind's sinfulness, and that in this state we also become insensitive to it. Oh, break our hearts, Father, for the things that grieve Your own heart. Even as we ask for Your help, we pray, too, for Your justice to roll like mighty waters and Your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We confess, Jesus, that Your kingdom is greater than any earthly one. And, we long for the day when You return to make all things new. Until then, help us to live as citizens of heaven, with an affection and desire for the good of our own nation.

We ask, Lord, that You bring reason, compassion, and love for fellow man to thrive in our land. We pray that, as Your people, You would use our words and actions, seasoned with the salt of Your Gospel, to influence our culture toward truth, repentance, and life in Your name.

We ask these things in the name of the only one who can save us from sin, who causes us to be born again, and who will return to make all things new – the name of Jesus of Nazareth, Your Son, who is the Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Oh, guard our hearts against sinful anger, God. And forgive us when we have held hatred toward those who we consider our enemies. We have one true enemy—who is a deceiver, the accuser of the saints, a roaring lion seeking to steal and kill and destroy. Give us wisdom to see the schemes of Satan in our world, and to take up the armor of God in defense of our hearts and minds against him.

Father, we pray for a peace that passes understanding to fall upon our land. We know such gifts only come by Your work through Your Spirit and Your Word displayed and proclaimed by Your people. So, let us seek godly peace by means of the Gospel and in every way that brings glory to Your name.

We pray Your Word back to You, that because You have not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control, that we would live as such – in the power of the Spirit, with the love of Christ, and with godly control of our every action and affection.

Grant those who lead in the public sphere and who make and enforce our laws to do their duty with biblical justice and godly wisdom. Shine the light of the Gospel into their hearts, that they may know Christ and walk faithfully after him. Protect their lives, God, from those who would seek to destroy them that we might know the peace and flourishing that comes from following You. Oh, but have mercy on us, Lord.