

A Prayer for Hope for the Families of the Shooting Victims from Fort Hood,
Texas and Orlando, Florida

Our Father, God, we thank You for always extending Your mercy and kindness toward us. Thank You for loving us so much that you sent Your son, Jesus Christ to redeem us from a life of despair and hopelessness. Thank You for providing for us during these economic lean times. Gracious Father, we praise You with all of our hearts. You merely spoke and the heavens were created. You breathed the word and all of the stars were born. Your plans stand firm forever and your intentions can never be shaken. You are an awesome God!

Loving Father, our country is experiencing a horrific tragedy. Lives have been destroyed in Fort Hood, Texas and Orlando, Florida. Today, we cry out for the families of the men and women who have died. We declare that God, alone, is their refuge and place of safety. He is their god and they can trust in Him. The name of the Lord is a strong fortress and those who run to Him will find spiritual, emotional, and psychological protection. We confess even though they may feel pressure on every side by this tragedy, they will not be crushed and broken. They may feel perplexed, but they will not give up and quit. They may feel like life is about to run them over, both they will not be abandoned by God. We recognize that their lives have been knocked down by these heinous crimes, but we proclaim that they will get up and keep going.

Holy Spirit, help each family to heal, especially the spouses and children. Help them to get through the upcoming days, weeks, and months. Let Your love and presence saturate their hearts, minds and souls. Please send people who will love, support, and comfort them. God, our Healer, please provide healing and speedy recovery to every soldier and civilian who is in the hospital. Heal their physical, emotional, and psychological wounds. Heal the wounds that have been inflicted in the soul of the American people. Speak to the hearts of those who want to blame others for the actions of a small group of people.

Compassionate Father, You are a God of mercy and grace. Through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, You have provided the gift of forgiveness. Please forgive Major Nidal Malik Hasan and those persons in Orlando who prematurely ended the lives of innocent people and altered the course of life for so many. Help the families to forgive. We can only imagine the pain they are feeling and we can certainly understand if they have feelings of hatred and vengeance. Holy Spirit, remind them that unforgiveness will only further their pain and short circuit their future. Help them to give their anger and pain to You and trust You to handle the violations of _____.

Almighty Father, help the families of the victims not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Almighty God, You are greater than we can understand. Your years cannot be counted. Only You know where light comes from and where darkness goes. Holy is Your Name! In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: John 3:16, Psalm 33:6, 11, Psalm 91:2, Proverbs 18:10, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, Matthew 6:13, Job 36:26, Job 38:19