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A Call to Prayer and Intercession in the Wake of Tragedy

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On behalf of the Provincial Elders' Conference, we call upon members and friends of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province to enter into prayers of intercession following two tragic acts of violence that occurred yesterday.

We grieve the murder of Charlie Kirk on the campus of Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, and we lift in prayer all who have been impacted by this violent act. We also hold in prayer the victims, families, and community affected by the school shooting in Evergreen, Colorado.

These events, occurring on the eve of a solemn national remembrance, deepen our collective sorrow. Today marks the 24th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks—a day when our nation was forever changed. As we remember the lives lost and the heroic sacrifices made by first responders and ordinary citizens, we are reminded of the enduring need for peace, compassion, and justice.

In this spirit, we appeal to all Moravians and people of goodwill to lift prayers for the end of violence in all its forms. May our intercessions be rooted in the hope of Christ, who calls us to be peacemakers and bearers of light in a world too often shadowed by fear and hatred.

Let us pray for healing. Let us pray for courage. Let us pray for peace.

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From the words of “Intercessions in a Time of Crisis” (Moravian Book of Worship: 1995):

O Lord – “Give all who suffer the love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

O Lord – “Be the support of all who give their strength, their skill, and their stamina in a ministry of mercy.”

O Lord – “Where tempers flare and a partisan spirit provoke new hostility, raise up people who have patience and restraint. Where indifference allows crisis to deepen and suffering to go without relief, awaken deliverers who have zeal and strength.”

“We pray for those who are engaged in making important decisions in this time, for those who report on these events, and for those who shape public opinion. Given them the courage to speak out and the restraint to listen, that together we may discern the truth and hold aloft its light.”

“We pray for those who are suffering and can make no sense of tragedy. Help them to turn to the One who embraces us in our lives – even Jesus Christ, who lived and suffered among us.”