

Dear heavenly Father,  
We grieve that extremists are so filled with hate that they kill your people.  
Grant that they may come to recognise murder as a sin,  
rather than service to you.  
We pray for those bereaved by attacks on Christians,  
whether in Nigeria, Pakistan, Egypt, or other countries.  
May your Spirit comfort those who mourn;  
may your Church help supply the needs of widows and orphans;  
and may your name be glorified by our non-violent response.  
In the name of Jesus,  
Amen.

Dear heavenly Father,  
We specifically pray for those who are made widows and orphans  
following lethal attacks on Christians.  
May widows truly know you as a husband who supplies their needs.  
May they be lifted out of depression and any desire for revenge.  
May orphans know your tender father-heart love for them.  
And may your Church work together to bring new hope and love.  
In the name of Jesus,  
Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We humbly thank you for the example of those Christians  
who have given their very lives for Jesus and the gospel.  
We pray for their families. Please comfort them as they mourn;  
provide for their daily needs; and strengthen them in their faith,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Gracious God,  
Your Son taught us to pray for those who persecute us.  
We pray for those whose hatred leads them to kill our Christian brothers and sisters.  
Grant them true repentance, that they may come to know Jesus as the way, the truth and the life,  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

Sovereign Lord and God,  
We bless and praise you for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
knowing it to be your power for the salvation of all who believe.  
You work in all things for your good purposes.  
We pray that, by your grace, the suffering of your people  
will lead to the spread of your glorious gospel  
and the furthering of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.