

## **A Prayer for Hope and Healing in Boston and West, Texas**

Our Father, we thank You for Your loving care for the people of Boston, Massachusetts and West, Texas during this time of grief and devastation. Thank You, Father, for blessing those who trust in You, who have made You their hope and confidence. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ to redeem us from a life of despair and hopelessness. 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.

Loving Father, our country is experiencing the aftermath of this tragic bombing and plant explosion. Lives have been destroyed in Boston, Massachusetts and West, Texas. Today, we cry out for the families of the people who have died and those who have been injured. We declare that You, alone, are their refuge and place of safety. You are their God and they can trust in You. Lord, Your Name is a strong fortress and those who run to You will find spiritual, emotional, and psychological protection. We confess that even though the victims and families may feel pressure on every side by these tragedies, they will not be crushed and broken. They may feel perplexed, but they will not give up and quit. In Jesus' Name, we cancel the assignments of the spirits of terrorism, anger, violence, murder, rage and devastation. As Kingdom citizens, we render these spirits powerless.

Holy Spirit, help each victim and family to heal. Help them to get through the upcoming days, weeks, and months. Let Your love and presence saturate their hearts, souls and spirits. Please send people who will love, support, and comfort them. God, our Healer, please provide healing and speedy recovery to every victim who is in the hospital or recovering at home. Heal the wounds that have been inflicted in the souls of the people of Boston and West, Texas. Remove the veil and expose every evil terrorist plot, plan and strategy that has been devised against the United States and its citizens.

Forgiving Father, forgive the sins of the American citizens. Forgive those in the media who have misinformed the public, causing greater fear and panic. Forgive those who may have noticed warning signs of impending danger, but failed to take heed and speak up. Holy Spirit, remind us of all those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive.

Holy Spirit, help us all to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Magnificent Lord, when You spoke, the world began! It appeared at Your command. You look down from heaven and see the whole human race. From Your throne, You observe all who live on the earth. O Lord, our Lord, Your majestic Name fills the earth! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** John 3:16, Psalm 33:6, Psalm 91:2, Proverbs 18:10, II Corinthians 4:8, I Corinthians 14:40, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 33:9,13-14, Psalm 8:9