

The Prayers, St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, 16 April 2024  
from the Service for those affected by the tragedy at Bondi Junction



**For the bereaved and injured**

Heavenly Father, God of all comfort, deal graciously with those who grieve in this time of deep sadness. We pray especially for family and friends of Ashlee Good, Dawn Singleton, Jade Young, Faraz Tahir, Pikria Darchia and Yixuan Cheng. Grant them strength and peace in the days ahead. We pray with a spirit of compassion and grace for Andrew and Michele Cauchi, as they come to terms with their own grief and shock. We ask you, Gracious Lord, to heal and restore all those who are still recovering in hospital. Be with them and their families as they travel the road to recovery. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Reverend Emma Little, Assistant Minister, St Jude's Randwick*

**For the first responders**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was acquainted with grief and carried our sorrows: Thank you for those who, courageously following in his steps, willingly entered into the trauma of recent events on our behalf – the police officers, first responders, emergency medical personnel, and the mental health professionals serving our city. In your tender mercy, grant rest to their bodies, healing to their minds, and peace to their hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Reverend Matthew Wilcoxon, honorary Police Chaplain and Rector, St John's Darlinghurst*

**For the community around Bondi Junction**

Our dear Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for the women, children, and men who live and work in or near Bondi Junction and the surrounding areas. We present the needs of shopkeepers, other staff, customers, and people living nearby. You know them. You know every hair on their heads. We call on you to protect and heal. Allow a healthy process as people respond to these harrowing acts of violence. Thank you, Lord, for the courage and kindness of the people who helped each other on Saturday. May that spirit of kindness continue through your empowering, Lord. As people face anxiety, trauma, and grief, provide comfort, resilience, peace, and safety. Grant wisdom to community leaders and help us know you are a good, gracious God. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

*The Reverend Martin Morgan, Rector of Bondi*

**For the community of Western Sydney**

God most high, in light of news last night, we also pray for Bishop Emmanuel and others injured at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, in Wakeley. We ask you to strengthen the efforts of leaders of different religions as they seek to encourage respect and tolerance for others, even in disagreement. In particular, grant the Spirit's help for all who claim the name of Christ, who was himself slapped and yet taught us to turn the other cheek. Help us love our enemies, do good to any who hate us, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who ill-treat us; for the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Very Reverend Sandy Grant, Dean of Sydney*

**For the coming of God's kingdom**

Sovereign God, who will one day wipe every tear from our eyes, we pray for your kingdom to come, bringing the full and final defeat of all evil, and the reign of everlasting peace. Until that day, restrain all who inflict violence; who threaten the unsuspecting, trusting and vulnerable; whose hatred, fear, delusion, or quest for power inspire all manner of horrific acts. Shield, deliver and provide for all victims and survivors in their need. And bless those who work for justice, help and healing. Great shepherd, many of us are anxious; lovingly shoulder our burdens and cares. Please turn our hearts to your Son that we may rest in him. And speed the day when good and justice reign, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Mrs Stephanie Leung, Children's Minister, St Mark's Darling Point*