

Prayers for Interfaith Vigil for Virginia Tech Killings

God of justice, the blood of your children cries to you from the ground...

God of mercy, look upon those whose lives have been seared by a violence they will never erase from their mind's eye....

God of tenderness, be close to those whose hearts are broken.....

God of wisdom, speak through the mouths of those who lead the university and town, those who will conduct funerals and counsel the mourners....

God of grace, burn in the hearts of those who have to face public scrutiny, the security forces, the administrators, the decision makers, as everyone searches for someone to blame....

God of hope, be with everyone at Virginia Tech as they begin to imagine how they can be a university again....Be with all parents and relatives of students, staff and faculty.... And with those wondering how to trust in another day.....

God of our imaginations, transform our thoughts from fear to compassion....

And make us people who learn to love as you love, even when it breaks our hearts. Amen.