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**Prayers of the People: Remembering Sri Lanka**

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I invite you to pray with me, responding, "Lord, have mercy."

Let us pray,

 For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.  
  *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for vulnerable religious communities, and for the unity of all peoples. let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the Church in every land, for the Christians of Sri Lanka, for the faithful Christians of St. Sebastian in Negombo, St. Anthony's in Colombo, and Zion Church in Batticaloa, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For all serving in religious leadership, and for those who must lead while they themselves are grieving, let us pray to the Lord.   
*Lord, have mercy.*

For this nation, and every nation, for our political leaders and every political leader, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city and every city, for Boston and Colombo, for every city and  
community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For those working and visiting the targeted hotels, for those whose livelihood depends on tourism, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

 For peace and kindness, for the end to war, and for the violence that dwells in every heart, that peace might reign in each heart, each home and every community, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

 For our neighbors, for the devotion of every heart, for Jews and Muslims and Hindus and Buddhist and those of no faith, that we might honor one another and service the common good, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For doctors and nurses, for caregivers and care receivers, and for all who reach out in healing, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

 For those who are far from home, for family far away, for kin and loved ones and, for the bonds of community that cross the ocean, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the  
destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who  
remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the injured, those in hospital, those sick and suffering in body and in mind, for all who have experienced enormous trauma, for all who are wounded, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for  
all the departed, and all whose faith is known to God alone, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and  
degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

  For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us  
  pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without  
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

  Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O  
Lord, by thy grace. Strengthen our faith. Equip us for the days ahead. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may service Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loved us.

In the communion of all thy saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to  
Christ our God.

Amen.