

We are the Church. The people of God. The Body of Christ.

We are sad today, but not as others who have no hope. Weeping may last through the night, but joy will come with the morning. We cling to the hope which is ours through God- that He loved us enough to give His only Son; that whoever believes in Him would not perish, but have eternal life.

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We will weep with those who weep. We will carry each other's burdens. We will fulfill the law of Christ. And by our love for one another we will reveal ourselves as His.

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We can make no sense of this senseless tragedy. We never know what life will be like tomorrow. We are like vapors that appear for a little while and then vanish away. We are dust, and to dust we shall return. But we rest assured that our God is still in control. We know that in all things He works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. And we are convinced that neither death nor life, angels nor demons, present nor future, powers, height, depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from His love.

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And even though we should walk through the very valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil; He is with us. Though the land give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging, we will not fear. Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet we will rejoice in the Lord, we will be joyful in God our Savior. We will be strong and courageous. We will not be afraid or tremble; the Lord our God goes before us. He will not fail or forsake us. We are not afraid, He is with us. In Him we find peace- in the world we have tribulation, but we take courage; for He has overcome the world. Even from everlasting to everlasting, He is God.

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We can do all things through Him who strengthens us.
Our God reigns; the world will not be moved.
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