

## Easter Sunday Massacre in Sri Lanka

We pray to you Jesus, for those who were killed in the Easter Sunday Massacres. We pray for the people who were killed at Easter Services in St Sebastian's Church in Negombo, Zion Church in Batticaloa, and St Anthony's Shrine in Kochchikade, Colombo. We pray for the people who were killed in several hotel blasts, and in a housing area.

We pray to you Jesus, for the people receiving urgent medical treatment, and for health care personnel assisting them. We pray for the families of the bereaved and injured, and for their friends and community members.

We pray to you Jesus, for the emergency services, police and security, as they seek to provide humanitarian support, and to prevent further tragedy.

We pray to you Jesus, for our sisters and brothers deeply traumatized. We pray for Sri Lankan families in other nations as they await news of loved ones. We pray in solidarity. We pray for our extended family. We pray for peace.

Amen.

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