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Even when we are discouraged and confused, as people of faith we turn to God for comfort during this time, especially for those who have lost loved ones or colleagues. We call on His great power to restore those who have been injured to health, and to heal the trauma caused by this tragedy.

As we survey the impact of violence in our communities and our world, we pray that God will heal our land. That our leaders will respond to the scourge of violence with courage and clarity. And that the power of evil to destroy will be turned aside by the power of God's love to save.

Let us join in praying that God will comfort those who mourn. That through grace, God will heal and bind up the wounds of those who are broken-hearted. That God will heal our land.

Let us call on the leaders within our communities to respond with courage to the violence sweeping our land, and to do everything they can to bring this crisis to an end.

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