

# Blessed Trinity Catholic Community

## Protecting Places of Worship Forum

Opening remarks/Prayer: Fr. Ed Hislop

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**WE GATHER** this evening as a diverse community of faith reflecting sincerely the loving face of God, creator of heaven and earth.

**WE GATHER** with a broken heart of “infinite sadness” as we remember all victims of violence and hate, fear and separation.

**WE GATHER** to bless the Lord our God, ruler of the universe, whose goodness shapes our hope, heals our heart and instills new vision.

**WE GATHER** to ask the Lord our God to deliver the whole human family from the evil that engenders hatred in the hearts of too many.

**WE GATHER** to pray for the courage to remove the heartless tools of terrorism from our society and replace them with the “ploughshares of justice, human rights and a heart of love for every neighbor.”

**WE GATHER** to remember that we will not become indifferent to the suffering of those persons and families touched by violence in so many places, but this evening we remember especially those who died in the midst of praising God, the loving creator of all.

**WE GATHER** to protect one another from terror as we long to extinguish the growing flames of hatred and heal the broken hearts of those filled with “outbreaks of anger and violence.”

**WE GATHER** to remember that we are all wounded by these inhuman acts and yet still remember that “our infinite sadness can only be cured by infinite love.”

A love which keeps us attentive to the needs of all, sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope.

**WE GATHER AS A PEOPLE OF FAITH TRUSTING ALWAYS IN GOD’S SACRED HEART OF LOVE.**

