## **PRAYER FOR PARIS** November 14, 2015

In the wake of yesterday's outrageous, horrific attacks on the people of Paris, we offer our prayers, lifting up especially...

Those killed, whose lives have been tragically, senselessly cut short.

The families and friends of those murdered, who must now carry on without them.

Those wounded, whose lives have been disrupted.

The families and friends of those injured, as they walk with loved ones on the path of recovery and healing.

A city and a nation, rocked again by malevolent, hate-fueled violence.

First responders and caregivers who rushed forward to render aid to those in need.

Security and law enforcement personnel, that they through their actions may bring about justice and provide reassurance to their fellow citizens.

The leaders of Paris and France, that they may act with wisdom and courage in the days ahead.

All those everywhere who travel the path of evil, that they may turn away from the darkness.

All this, we pray for the people of Paris, in the name of the crucified, risen Christ, who knows our pain, redeems our suffering, and ensures that God's light, love, and saving grace will ultimately prevail.