#ShowUpForShabbat Prayer

Compassionate God, God who comforts the mourning and visits the sick, God of justice and of mercy, Protector of Abraham and Sarah, and Proclaimer of Liberty, grant us strength at this awful hour.

As we face the venomous hate that extinguishes lives, we are filled with anger, with shock, and with despair.

We mourn the murder of precious human beings, our brothers and sisters who were gathered for prayer, for tradition, and for community.

We mourn with those who loved the victims, and we offer our love, as You love Your people Israel and all the world. We pray for the wounded of body and soul. O God, please grant them healing, physical and spiritual.

We grieve for the loss of American Jewish innocence, as the most basic of American values, our freedom of religion, has been threatened. Once more, a sanctuary has been violated, and people in prayer have been attacked.

Jews were murdered, but all America has been assaulted.

We will never forget the solidarity of our fellow human beings, from our American brothers and sisters, and from faith communities in all four corners of the world, who have come together to offer their support. Their words and their presence have shown us that good will prevail over evil.

Dear God, we are in pain. Heal us. Give us the power to heal ourselves. We are determined to persevere, and yea, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil, for You are with us.

God, give Your people strength. God, bless Your people with peace.

And let us say: Amen.

