

A Prayer for Crime Victims

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“God, you are just. You are perfect in all your judgments. You balance every scale. In time, all the accounts will be settled. All truth will be told. All debts will be evenly scored. For now, in this world, we can push for justice and labor for truth and fair payment, but we must often settle for less.

We pray for those who have suffered a grave injustice, for those who have had something precious taken, broken, destroyed.

We pray for their souls, that the loss, which cannot be replaced, will be filled with a miracle of comfort.

Give the victims of crime the assurance that you stand with them, that you hate injustice even more than they hate it.

Come close to the broken hearted. Console and join them in their anger. Teach them how to be angry without turning bitter. Show them how to transfer their demand for justice into your hands, in an act of forgiveness, which is not dropping the charges, but trading the responsibility for pressing the charges to your eternal court of heaven.

God, be with those who have stood by as the wicked seem to survive their wickedness. Give them patient hope that in the span of eternity all truth will be told and all scales will be balanced. And as they collapse into your perfect love and wisdom, teach them that sorrow alone is the way into your deepest heart. And may they find you in their sorrow, and find from you what only you can provide... A hope that does not disappoint. In Jesus...”

Amen