Prayer Litany for Our Time

Pastor: For such a time as this, O God we cry.

**People: Feel our tears, hear our worries and listen to our inner turmoil.**

Pastor: Too many troubles overwhelm us. Hurricanes devastate lives, homes, business and the land. And now, a shooter killed 59 people and wounded 527 people; a senseless tragedy.

**People: We desperately cry out to you O God.**

Pastor: The people of Texas, Florida, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico live in shattered and destroyed homes. Especially, O Lord, we pray for Puerto Rico, Vieques, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix islands where almost everyone has lost homes, has little food, water and necessary supplies.

**People: We desperately cry out to you O, God.**

Pastor: O God, we cannot put our mind around the enormous loss of life and the number of hurt people in Las Vegas. The irrational shooting, the mockery of life and the violence against innocent people pains our heart and shatters our human understanding.

**People: We desperately cry out to you, O God.**

Pastor: We pray for Divine guidance while evil corrupts our sense of normalcy, numbs our feelings, and halts our need to act. Send the Holy Spirit to inform, guide, and comfort your people.

**People: We desperately cry out to you, O God.**

Pastor: Let us join the larger Christian faith in praying this prayer together:

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love.**

**Where there is injury, pardon.**

**Where there is doubt, faith.**

**Where there is despair, hope.**

**Where there is darkness, light.**

**Where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,**

**Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;**

**To be understood, as to understand;**

**To be loved, as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive.**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal life. Amen**