

Community & Services Representatives for Prayers of the People

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Health and Healing Services: Ms. Viv Bateman Social Worker RTSTV

The Law: Mr. Joel Townsend, Solicitor, Coadys Barristers and Solicitors

Community: Mr Stephen Grant, Chief Executive Officer, Transport Accident Commission

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE GATHERINGS

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***TIME
OF
REMEMBRANCE***

A multi-faith gathering

***to remember
those who have died
those who continue to suffer
and the impacts on our community
of road trauma***



**Swanston Hall
Melbourne Town Hall**

**Sunday, November 20, 2005
at 12.45 pm**

GATHERING & WELCOME

Rev. Andy Calder

CANDLE LIGHTING by FAITH REPRESENTATIVES

Venerable Phuoc Tan – Quang Minh temple
Pandit Ahhay Awasti – Hindu Foundation of Victoria
Mrs Maryam Ronagh– Baha’i Community of Victoria
Rabbi Kluwgant – President Rabbinical Council Victoria
Rev Andy Calder Uniting Church minister – Epworth Hospital

(Brief silence)

RESPONSIVE READING

Rabbi Kluwgant

(You are invited to join in the responses in **bold**.)

In the rising of the sun and in its
going down, we remember them.

**In the blowing of the wind and in
the chill of winter, we remember them.**

In the opening of buds and in the
rebirth of spring, we remember them.

**In the blueness of the sky and in the
warmth of summer, we remember them**

In the rustling of leaves and in the
beauty of autumn, we remember them.

**In the beginning of the year and when
it ends, we remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.

**When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.**

OUR COMMUNITY

Mr Stephen Grant

I come representing the community of which we are all part. Our community is only as strong as the commitment we each give to its wellbeing. We acknowledge the responsibility we share for keeping our roads safe. (Brief silence)

We remember ourselves, the women and men, young people and children, who make up the diverse community of our state and nation. We pray that as we use the roads we may exercise patience, tolerance, self-control and generosity of spirit for the safety of our community.

For these we pray. **Hear our prayer.**

‘You’ll never walk alone’

Ms Jenny McKinnon

CANDLES FOR REMEMBRANCE

(people are invited to light a candle in personal remembrance.)

CONCLUDING PRAYER & BLESSING Rev Andy Calder

OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES

**And now our journey continues.
As we have remembered with love,
let us leave with renewed hope
and the determination to make our roads
safer for all who use them.**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mr Bob Hastings

We come representing the emergency services – Ambulance, Fire Services, Police, the State Emergency Service. Our members see the horror of road trauma, and do all they can to save the injured.

(Brief silence)

We remember with gratitude members of the Ambulance Services, Metropolitan and Country Fire Services, State Emergency Service and Police who bring compassion and care to those involved in road accidents. We pray for them as they give unstintingly of their skills and themselves to help others.

For these we pray. **Hear our prayer.**

HEALTH AND HEALING SERVICES

Ms Viv Bateman

I come representing those who care for the injured in hospitals and rehabilitation centres. We see their suffering and use our knowledge and skills to help them return to a full and satisfying life.

(Brief silence)

We remember with thankfulness the skill and dedication of doctors, nurses, hospital staff, and community counsellors and grief and loss services who treat and rehabilitate those injured in body, mind and spirit. We pray for them as they use their knowledge and skills to restore broken lives and instil hope for the future.

For these we pray. **Hear our prayer.**

THE LAW

Mr Joel Townsend

I come representing those involved in the making and administration of our laws. Through the law we seek to promote responsible behaviour in all who use our roads, and we strive for assistance for those affected by road trauma.

(Brief silence)

We remember and respect those whose responsibility it is to make and administer laws for the sake of us all. We pray for them, that they may have wisdom in making decisions that help shape a just, caring and responsible community.

For these we pray. **Hear our prayer.**

When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.

**So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.**

REFLECTION 1

Venerable Phuoc Tan

AN AFFIRMATION: *(Together)*

We believe that,
in the face of loss and grief,
we are free to cry out,
to protest in righteous anger,
to respect our own pain.

We believe that this never goes unheard,
that it is not lost in the silences
and pits of our sadness.
We believe it is taken into the heart of our God
who weeps with us,
who walks with us
through every moment that has been
and is to come.

We believe that, as we bow our heads,
the Spirit covers us with her bright wings,
sorrowing in our sorrow
and lifting our faces to the warmth and love
which waits for us,
cherishing us and giving us strength
for this unknown journey.

We believe in this God who says
"I will be with you, and that will be enough,"
even as we find it hard to believe,
it will be enough.
In faith, we will move into the next part of our life,
carrying close to our heart, our loved one,
who is now in the heart of God.

(Dorothy McRae-McMahon: *The Glory of Blood, Sweat and Tears with adaptation*)

REFLECTION 2

Pandit Abhay Awasti

‘Amazing Grace’

Ms Jenny Mc Kinnon

REFLECTION 3

Mrs Maryam Ronagh

"Dispel my grief by Thy bounty and Thy generosity, O God, my God, and banish mine anguish through Thy sovereignty and Thy might. Thou seest me, O my God, with my face set towards Thee at a time when sorrows have compassed me on every side. I implore Thee, O Thou Who art the Lord of all being, and overshadowest all things visible and invisible, by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the hearts and the souls of men, and by the billows of the Ocean of Thy mercy and the splendors of the Day-Star of Thy bounty, to number me with them whom nothing whatsoever hath deterred from setting their faces toward Thee, O Thou Lord of all names and Maker of the heavens!"

(Baha'u'llah, "Prayers and Meditations," p. 247)

READING

O My servants! Sorrow not if, in these days and on this earthly plane, things contrary to your wishes have been ordained and manifested by God, for days of blissful joy, of heavenly delight, are assuredly in store for you. Worlds, holy and spiritually glorious, will be unveiled to your eyes. You are destined by Him in this world and hereafter, to partake of their benefits, to share in their joys, and to obtain a portion of their sustaining grace. To each and every one of them you will, no doubt, attain.

Bahá'u'lláh

REFLECTION

Ms Julie Perrin

Chaplain – Blackburn Secondary College

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Representatives of the community and services involved in road trauma offer the following prayers. See list of representatives at the end of the order of service.)

THE BEREAVED

**Mr Tom Lording
Mrs Jenny Penny**

We come representing those who have been bereaved through road crashes – the family members and friends who now have only the memory of those they love.
(Brief silence)

We remember with sorrow the many who have died as a result of road crashes. We give thanks for their lives and all that they have meant to ourselves and others. We pray for those who grieve their loss, that they may be comforted.

For these we pray. **Hear our prayer.**

THOSE INJURED & THEIR CARERS

Mr Mark Ewart

I come representing those who suffer the continuing effects of road trauma in body, mind and spirit. For them and those who care for them, the pain continues.
(Brief silence)

We remember with concern those who carry injury and disability following road trauma. We pray for them and their families and friends who suffer with them and give support and love. May they be strengthened in hope and perseverance.

For these we pray. **Hear our prayer.**

THE WITNESSES

Mrs Jeanette Suhr

I come representing people who have witnessed road trauma and who are troubled by recurring memories.
(Brief silence)

We remember with compassion those indirectly related to road trauma, who are weighed down by the sadness of what they have seen and heard. We pray for the healing of their memories.

For these we pray. **Hear our prayer.**