

A Prayer for the 20th anniversary of the day of remembrance
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God of grace and compassion: on this day we wish we didn't have to mark, we commend to you the souls of those who have died violently on our roads. We pray for those affected by their sudden and untimely deaths: for families devastated in an instant; for emergency-service personnel facing traumatic sights and sounds that live in their memory. We pray for new courage, commitment and energy to work together for safer streets. We ask too, for a new vision of society which values safety over speed, and honours a pace of life in tune with the rhythms and resources of the earth. Comfort all who mourn, receive our anger and despair and give us hope of life made new, on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.