



## We stand with Manchester in prayer

Father God we come to you and ask for your peace in the city of Manchester and the greater Manchester area.

For the bereaved may they be comforted by your embrace and love.

For the emergency services, police and security forces we pray protection and grace.

For the decision makers and city leaders we ask for wisdom.

For those investigating the perpetrators we ask for insight and justice.

For communities in fear we pray your love will abound and overcome.

For the Church in the city, may they be people and places of welcome, embrace and hope.

We recognise the spiritual forces behind attacks like these and ask for your light to vanquish darkness. You God are the All-Powerful, Always Present One. We lift up our eyes to you. You are the One who helps and intercedes. You are greater. We will not shrink back in fear but stand in faith with your love.

For our own villages, towns and cities we ask for your presence and power to be seen.

Holy Spirit empower your church, us your people to arise and overflow with love and grace. May we step in to this moment in our history and be carriers of your Kingdom presence and your Gospel message.

God, we remember countless people around the world who are impacted by tragic violence and we bring them to you in prayer. Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your mercy and peace be seen in increasing measure.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen.