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Wednesday Prayer

All Saints Sunday

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25:7-9

This Sunday, across the country, we will honor those who have died and look to the hope of life eternal. This week, we mourn yet another atrocious act of hatred upon our Jewish brothers and sisters. We grieve as a nation, and we come together to pray, to offer hope of life eternal. We know we live in a broken and dangerous world, and we need to continue to show up for one another, especially when everything seems lost. In this message from Isaiah, we hear that God will wipe away the tears **from all**, bringing all nations together. We stand together and must share the hope and love of God with all.

Working on the prevention of child sexual exploitation and trafficking, we also know of the broken and dangerous world that entraps too many of our young people. This Sunday, please also pray for those who have died at the hands of their trafficker, and for those who have died on the streets due to lack of affordable housing and other myriad reasons people are on the streets. We know this is a significant risk factor for young people to be lured into trafficking. Bring us together to work for solutions in society, to act boldly to support all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable among us. Help us to be the hope that wipes away tears from young people's faces.

God of hope, we come before you weeping. Give us the courage and strength to work for justice in the hard places. With our actions, help us to erase hatred and violence, and bring healing and hope to those who are suffering. We ask this in your name that reaches across all nations, Amen.

Today's Wednesday Prayer was written by Joy McElroy, Cherish All Children Executive Director.