

*The following prayers have been shared by the **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer** and prepared by the Rev. Archdeacon Paul Feheley, National Director. They are offered for personal devotion, parish worship, and community gatherings.*

Friends:

As we awake today with the tragic news from Tumbler Ridge British Columbia we acknowledge that there is so much we do not know and cannot explain. We struggle to understand how violence takes root, how ordinary days can be shattered in a moment, how lives can be taken or forever changed. Although we find ourselves in a broken world—a world in which hurting people often hurt others—we believe that healing is still possible. Our faith teaches us that God can restore what is wounded, mending what is torn, and guiding us toward justice, fairness, and peace. With heavy hearts we lament the violence, the death, and the injuries that have struck the community of Tumbler Ridge, and we turn to God for mercy, comfort, and strength.

### **Prayer for Those Who Have Died and Those Who Grieve**

God of all compassion,  
Receive into your eternal care the souls of those whose lives were taken in Tumbler Ridge. Surround their families, friends, and all who mourn with the shelter of your comfort. When words fail, let your presence speak. When sorrow overwhelms, let your peace steady trembling hearts. May those who grieve know that you weep with them and that your love holds every story, even those cut short by violence. Amen.

### **Prayer for the Injured, First Responders, and Survivors**

Merciful Healer,  
We lift before you those who have been injured—body, mind, or spirit. Grant them steady recovery, patient endurance, skilled caregivers, and the hope that pain will not have the final word. We give thanks for first responders, for their courage in chaos and their willingness to step into danger for the sake of others. Strengthen them in body and spirit and surround them with support as they carry the weight of what they have seen. For survivors, witnesses, and all who now carry invisible wounds, we pray for resilience, for gentleness toward themselves, and for companions who will walk with them through the long journey of healing. Amen.

### **A Litany for Tumbler Ridge**

Leader: Holy God, we come before you with hearts heavy and unsettled, recognizing that there is much we do not understand.  
The violence in Tumbler Ridge has shaken us,  
and we mourn what has been lost.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We confess that we live in a broken world—  
a world where hurting people sometimes hurt others,  
and where fear, anger, and despair take devastating forms.  
Yet we trust that you are a God who heals,  
a God who restores,  
a God whose justice and fairness do not fail.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those whose lives were taken,  
for their families, friends, and all who grieve,  
gather them into the shelter of your compassion.

People: Hold them, O God, in your everlasting arms.

Leader: For those who were injured—  
in body, mind, or spirit—  
grant steady healing, courage, and the care they need.

People: Restore them, O God, with your healing grace.

Leader: For first responders who rushed toward danger,  
for their bravery, endurance, and service,  
we give you thanks. Strengthen them in the days ahead.

People: Uphold them, O God, with your steadfast love.

Leader: For survivors and witnesses carrying the weight of trauma,  
for those whose nights are restless and whose days are overshadowed by fear,  
bring comfort, resilience, and companions for the long road of recovery.

People: Surround them, O God, with your peace that passes understanding.

Leader: For the community of Tumbler Ridge—  
now grieving, searching, and trying to make sense of what cannot be easily explained—  
bind them together in compassion and mutual care.

People: Strengthen them, O God, with your enduring hope.

Leader: For leaders, caregivers, and all who must navigate what comes next,  
grant wisdom, patience, and clarity.  
Let fairness and justice guide every decision.

People: Lead them, O God, in paths of righteousness.

Leader: And for us, O Lord—  
when we are tempted toward despair,  
remind us that your light still shines;  
when we are overwhelmed by sorrow,  
remind us that you are near;  
when we feel powerless,  
remind us that your healing is at work even now.

People: Make us instruments of your peace, O God.

Leader: Holy One, you are close to the broken-hearted  
and you save the crushed in spirit.  
Hold Tumbler Ridge—its people, its pain, its fragile hopes—  
in your gentle and steadfast care.

People: For you alone are our refuge and strength. Amen.