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Dear Friends,

I write on behalf of the Anglican Church in Newfoundland and Labrador following the violent attack on Muslims at prayer in Quebec this week. As Anglicans, we are horrified by this action and stand in solidarity with you, our friends and neighbors. The head of the Anglican Church in Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, has already issued a statement on behalf of all Anglicans and I quote from his words:

My heart, indeed the hearts of all people of good will, goes out to all Muslims across Canada as they struggle with this terrible attack. We hold in our prayers those who have died, for their families and for their imams who care for them in their grief. We also pray for those who have been injured and for those tending them. We remember too the police, and all others whose daily work is to "serve and protect". At moments like this, people of faith must stand together in solidarity for those values common to our respective religious traditions: the adoration of God, the respect we owe one another as fellow human beings, and the care with which we tend the earth, our common home.

We hold in our hearts and prayers all who have been affected by this violence. Many of us will be present at Friday prayers this week to show support and pray for healing. This coming Sunday, in our churches across the province there will be prayers for all who have died and all who have been affected in any way by the tragedy in Quebec. May peace be upon you during this most difficult time.

With my every blessing,

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