



## **1<sup>st</sup> September – Prayer for Orange Victims Day**

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the freedom we have through the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ and the price He has paid. We are grateful that His blood was shed that we might receive forgiveness of sin and the hope of glory.

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends”.

As an Institution, we honour today the memory of our Brethren and Sister who were murdered or killed by terrorists. They also have paid a price and we remember with gratitude their service and sacrifice. Their memories are alive within this Institution and in the hearts of all who loved them in life and grieve them in death.

We pray for every Orange family from whom a loved one was brutally and cruelly taken. We ask for Your blessing upon each home where a sense of loss is still deeply felt. Surround them with grace and compassion as we remember with them on this day of reflection and thanksgiving.

Be with all who bear the physical and emotional scars and injuries of attacks inflicted upon them and their family by terrorists. Lives changed by unprovoked violence are a continuing legacy and we ask God’s blessing upon each one.

The needs of survivors are many and varied, often complicated by misunderstanding and misplaced attempts to dilute the impact or shift the emphasis of heinous actions. Keep us consistent as an Institution, we pray, in our desire to support the innocent and uphold the rights of all individuals who have suffered through no fault of their own.

We know You to be a merciful God, a loving Saviour, and in our lives daily You uphold us. Strengthen all who need You this day; be particularly near to the victims of terrorism that they might find assurance in You and comfort in the Orange Institution’s commitment to remember their loved ones.

And may You, in Your grace and mercy, incline the hearts of all people to seek You and find forgiveness of sin, new life and eternal peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Amen