Benediction for September 10th, 2017

Our hearts continue to join with yours in grief, O Lord.

For those in the midst of great loss,

Those feeling bound by death's hollow sting,

Seeking, calling, grasping, for compassion.

Our King, grant us solace and rest,

Sufficient for this day, this moment,

A place to lay our heads upon your chest,

To breathe deep.

That we might march on, and sing,

Finding peace in the echo dancing through the valley.

Prepare the way, O Lord;

A shelter amidst the ruins.

Your mercy, shining through the clouds.

Point us toward hope.

Reveal the path that lay ahead.

Bear your people strength for the journey.

This day, and forevermore.

Beloved family, go in peace.