

Solemnity of St. Joseph - March 19, 2019

Message of Prayer and Solidarity:

To the People of the Diocese of Kamloops,

Our hearts have called us to respond to the shooting of our innocent Muslim brothers and sisters in New Zealand last week while in prayer at their place of worship.

This act of unspeakable violence is a terrible evil against justice and truth. Justice concerning the right of safety and respect of every human being. Truth that their injury and death is caused by an act of evil that needs to be condemned as violence against the very dignity of our humanity. I call upon our diocese both to pray for the victims and their families and to stand in solidarity with them as we commit ourselves to rid the world of prejudice and discrimination.

May the Holy Season of Lent be a time of deep inner conversion for all, and may the Lord of peace and love comfort those who have lost their loved ones and extinguish the hate and discrimination in our world.

Bishop Joseph Phuong Nguyen