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and our minds are baffled, our spirits weighed down with grief.
It is beyond our understanding why this little life should be taken,
or why we should be called upon to suffer so terrible a loss.
Yet we know that life is full of mystery
and that many others at this time are facing the same problem
and enduring the same anguish as ourselves.
Help us to bear our sorrow without bitterness,
and not to question your love;
for to whom can we look for comfort but to you, o Lord?
Speak your word of peace to our hearts;
ease our pain and lift our darkness;
and be to us a very present help in trouble;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

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