

For those who mourn



God, loving the people of country Victoria,
Nearer to us than our next breath,
Be with those who mourn this week.
Be in their shock, their grief,
Their anger and despair,
That they may grieve,
But not as those without hope.

Forgive all the hurt they feel
others have done to cause this tragedy,
and show them that they are forgiven.

We offer to you
all the regrets
the memories
the pain
the 'if onlys'
knowing that you
will surround those who mourn
with your presence
and heal them and us
of all that harms us.