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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our hearts are heavy as we hold in prayer all those affected by the violence in Tumbler Ridge. We pray especially for those who have lost their lives, for their families who are grieving, for those who have been hurt, and all the people of Tumbler Ridge.

May the Lord grant eternal rest to those who have died, healing to the injured, and comfort and strength to all who mourn.

We lift up the students, families, educators, first responders, and all who call Tumbler Ridge home, asking God to surround them with His peace and protection in the days ahead.

In this time of tragedy and suffering, we turn to Christ, our refuge and hope. May His light shine in the darkness and His presence bring consolation to every wounded heart.

We invite all the faithful across Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands to join in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Tumbler Ridge.

“O Lord, be near to the brokenhearted and save those who are crushed in spirit.”
(Psalm 34:18)

In heartfelt sorrow and hope in Christ,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria