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Dear Mayor Wilson,

As a pastor in Seattle, I pray for this community daily.

I wish to express our deep sorrow and assurance of prayers for the victims of yesterday's shooting at the Seattle Center. We pray also for the family and friends of those who died or were injured as well as for the many who are traumatized by this shooting.

We will continue to pray for an end to this kind of violence, which violates human life, human dignity and the peaceful existence we strive for in every community and nation.

May God continue to heal our wounds, hear our prayers and guide us in the ways of peace. As always, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,



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