Prayer of Solidarity for the International Day of Mourning

The prayer leader invites people to come and light a taper in solidarity and remembrance for those who have died, and to place their taper in a sand tray.

Dona Nobis Pacem Domine. *(Sung by a soloist or choir)*
From the beginning of time, O God, you have heard the cry of those unjustly killed. You hear the cry of those who suffered a traumatic death, those who died from industrial diseases such as asbestosis, and mesothelioma, from cancer, heart disease and work-related suicide. We thank you for your solidarity with those unjustly killed and for lifting up their cry for justice.
Dona Nobis Pacem Domine.

By your grace you make sacred the lives of loved-ones and work-mates who have died from unsafe and unhealthy workplaces. We thank you for blessing their lives, for their love of their work, for their loyalty to their employers and work-mates, and for the service they gave to our community.
Dona Nobis Pacem Domine.

We remember with gratitude their love for their families, for all they shared with a spouse or partner, children, parents, sisters and brothers - for their strengths and weaknesses, their values, their dreams. And we are thankful for the love we shared with them. For in this giving and receiving, we are children of God.
Dona Nobis Pacem Domine.

Lord of life, in Jesus Christ you conquered the power of death. We thank you for your solidarity with Christ, and for raising us with him to renewed life. We give thanks for drawing us to this time of remembrance, for our communion with those we love who have died, and for strengthening and healing us in our bitter-sweet memories.
Dona Nobis Pacem Domine.

For the growing commitment to occupational health and safety of trade unions, employers, government, WorkSafe, churches and our community, for this annual time of remembrance across the globe, for the strength and support of shared grief and a focus for action in work-related grief support programs.
Dona Nobis Pacem Domine.

'Dona Nobis Pacem Domine' translates as 'Give to us your peace, O Lord, our God', and may be found in Taize song books.