



Australian Federation
of Islamic Councils

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In memory of the Christchurch terror attack

Media Statement

15 March 2021

Two years ago today, a terrorist murdered 51 people and wounded 40 others inside their place of worship in Christchurch. We continue to pray for the victims and their families.

This callous and unjustifiable attack was borne of inhuman hatred, in moving forward with our lives, we should strive earnestly to always challenge hatred with love and goodwill.

Historically, we the Muslims around the world have consistently rejected victimhood. We are a resilient community that will always bounce back with the help of Allah. It is to the credit of the families of victims in New Zealand that, notwithstanding their great loss, they have shown forgiveness and the will to continue contributing to society.

Whilst we ask our members to always be vigilant, we also assert that our world needs voices of unity and healing, we should always promote better awareness and answer questions about our faith with love, friendship and goodwill.

"In the aftermath of the terrorist attack, I personally visited families of the victims in Christchurch, my heart is always with them, I pray for them and their loved ones and pray for greater healing in our world." Said AFIC president Dr Rateb Jneid.

"One week from now, AFIC will be holding a major event to celebrate Australia's wonderful diversity and social inclusion, we are a nation enriched by our diverse cultural and religious backgrounds." Said Dr Jneid.

Authorised by:

Dr Rateb Jneid,
AFIC President