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**PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA'S CLERGY ADVOCACY BOARD:
COLORADO SPRINGS SHOOTING**

New York—Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Clergy Advocacy Board released a statement in response to the active shooter situation in and near the Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs today.

In the wake of the violent assault on the Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, our hearts go out to the victims and their families. We pray healing for the injured, comfort for those who mourn and give thanks for the devoted staff of Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountain and first responders who put themselves in harm's way to protect and defend their fellow citizens. We stand with Planned Parenthood and their continued commitment to provide care in the safe, supportive environment that millions of people rely on and trust for quality healthcare. We also pray for an end to the climate of violence and polarization that grips our nation -- asking for the will and wisdom to overcome hatred with hope, fear with trust and violence with compassion.

And so we pray with heart and mind that God of many names, Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that all nations and peoples may make known your values of love, hope and justice. Amen.