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- 1 The world's worst industrial accident took place in the early hours of yesterday - the 3rd of December - in 1984, as poisonous gas escaped from a pesticide factory. The cloud of highly toxic methyl isocyanate moved through the streets, engulfing people as they slept, over an area of 40 square kilometres. 800,000 people were living in the city. Of those people, 300,000 were injured, and as many as 10,000 people were killed.
 - 2 Many of the survivors were blinded, or suffered liver and kidney failure. All had breathing difficulties. Doctors stated that most of those who survived will have long-term health problems.
 - 3 This disaster took place in Bhopal, a city in central India.
 - 4 *Let us pray:*

**We pray today, Father,
for the injured and sick
who are still suffering
from the after-effects
of man-made or natural disasters.**

**We pray that those
who have responsibilities
may have a "feeling" for others
and so grow in care and respect
for those
whose lives they may influence.**

**For ourselves
and those that we care for,
lead us to make our choices wisely,
and accept responsibility
for our own lives
and for our choices and actions
and their consequences.**

Amen.

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