

PRAY THE NEWS

Misinformation is a dangerous motivator.

Misinformation mixes together fear and anger, creating a powerful motivator to act. But sometimes these emotions make us want to act before we think. They can drive us to choose violence over non-violence.

On July 29 in Southport, United Kingdom an assailant carried out an attack at a children's dance party, killing three young girls and injuring several more.

Through the haze of anger and fear that followed, false rumours started flowing through social media about the attack. The rumours (unfounded) claimed the youth arrested over the attack was a Muslim and a recent migrant.

Times of heightened anger or fear are the times where where prayer, introspection and compassion for others should be put into practice the most.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS ABOUT MISINFORMATION:

- We pray for victims and families affected by the July 30 attack in Southport, including Muslims and migrants who have been wrongfully targeted
- We pray for the peacemakers; for the health and safety of first responders, neighbours and wider community members' freedom, healing, and hope.
- We pray for Government action: to recognise the threat that what is happening in the UK can happen here, just as it has in the past.