

## A Prayer for relief from Gun Violence

Heavenly Father,

We come to you always with thanksgiving for all you have done and all you are. We praise you and thank you for these and many other blessings we are afforded each day. At this time we come to you lifting up before you those who have been and who are being affected by gun violence. We are sadly losing so many of our people, young and not so young, in this way. We pray for guidance as we attempt to work for solutions for this problem. We need your guidance. We need wisdom—wisdom enough to think and plan carefully as we attempt to move forward. Lord, be merciful unto us. Give us the strength we need to remain steadfast in our efforts. Touch the hearts of those who choose to remain blinded to the dangers of guns. Touch the hearts of those who produce, sell, advocate for, and make such weapons available as well as those who would use them. We lift up before you parents everywhere whose job it is to raise up members of your church. Teach them to show and speak love to your children for we know children do not come into this world hating, they must be carefully taught. Help us to remember that we are our brothers' keepers. Help us to study and understand your word and to obey your commands. Then, Lord, help us to take a stand for what we know is right and good and give us the stamina not to grow weary or faint. We ask all this in the name of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

AMEN

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