

Join us on Fridays throughout this year as we...

Pray & Seek Peace to End Gun Violence

O Lord, Guardian of life, liberty, and the promise of peace:

We recognize that gun freedoms in our nation have resulted in too many losing the freedom to full lives.

We know that peace anywhere might be shattered in a moment. Help us to recall, as the prophet Jeremiah taught, that we must “seek the peace of the city,” recognizing how our own peace is tied up in that of the city where we find ourselves.

The words of Isaiah remind us to share our bread, clothe the naked, unlock the fetters of wickedness in this community and in our nation. [Isa 58:6-10]

Among us are community leaders:

Grant them wisdom, compassion and clear knowledge of the cost of gun violence

Among us are those for whom gun violence is a policy issue:

Grant our advocates light and wisdom, and help us all to support their effort.

Among us are those for whom gun violence is a real and present:

Grant the fearful Your sheltering presence and address their burdens.

Among us are those who mourn victims of gun violence

Grant them comfort and support in their grief and their cries for justice.

Among us are those who have experienced gun violence

Grant the shattered healing, and help us all to recognize this trauma and its cost.

May we never be lazy in the work of peace or complacent in our relative safety.

May we acknowledge threats, some of our own making, to those ideals.

Help us all to appreciate one another, and the variety of viewpoints in this community and beyond, and teach us to respect the many ways we may serve You.

Lead us toward homes free of affliction & strife, bodies & spirits untrammled by gun violence. Help us to be the change we hope to see. Soon and in our lifetimes.

Amen

Temple Micah in Washington, D.C.