

I invite you to join with me on Fridays throughout 2017 to pray for peace. When good people come together in prayer wonderful things happen.

Fr. Mosley, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Prayer against Gun Violence

O God, Giver of Life and Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in harmony and peace. Surround us with your love as we face the challenges and tragedies of gun violence.

For our dear ones, for our neighbors, for strangers and aliens, and those known to you alone who have died by guns and violence that we have allowed to become routine,

Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.

For all whose lives are forever marked by the scourge of gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day,

Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.

For families who have known the scourge of gun violence and in the midst of tremendous forces persevere and commit themselves to stand up against all odds,

Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.

For all who bear personal and political responsibility regarding gun legislation and for all who struggle to discern what is right in the face of powerful political forces,

Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.

For our brothers and sisters who risk their lives and their serenity as they rush to our aid, first responders, police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and all those whose duties bring them to the streets, the schools, the malls and the homes where the carnage of gun violence takes place day after day,

Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.

For your church, may we find our voice. Empower us to change this broken world and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Give us power to rise above our fear that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change,

Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.

All this we pray in the name of the One who offered his life so that we might live, Jesus the Christ. Amen.