

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 Crime and Violence

Lord God, crime is on the increase within our city and our country.

From the depths of our hearts we pray that you will comfort, heal, and bless all victims of crime.

We ask that you protect all people from the evil of crime and violence.

We pray especially for life-changing conversion for all criminals and the violent—

remove all evil from their hearts,

fill them with your goodness and love

that they may cease their evil works

and that our city and land be free from the scourge of crime and violence.

We pray also for the grace to purge ourselves of all violence—

in our own thoughts and actions,

in our family life,

in our friendships,

in relationships with others

Lord, I personally commit to refrain from violent acts or words to settle conflicts.

I further swear to teach others, especially our youth,

that violence is too quick an answer

that produces irreparable, life-long and threatening results. Amen.

(This prayer was composed by the people of St. Dorothy Catholic Church, Chicago)

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WITH PRAYER!**

