



Simple Suggestions for Conducting a Brief Prayer Time For Victims of Gun Violence on Survivor Sunday

It is important that your congregation / fellowship understands that this is a time of prayer and seeking the Lord's guidance, comfort, and peace for those deeply affected by gun violence and not a political statement or stance on the issue of gun rights. We are only interested in showing the love and compassion of Christ by bringing survivors' needs before the Lord on this designated day-- joining other churches as the full body of Christ. Whether you designate 3, 5, or 10 minutes in specific prayer, we know that the Lord will hear our requests and answer according to His will.

Scripture References

We suggest that the following Bible verses be read aloud or simply printed in the bulletin or displayed on screens:

Genesis 2:7 -- "Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."

Exodus 20:13 -- "You shall not murder."

Psalms 145:18 -- "The LORD is near to all who call on him."

Psalms 147: -- "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Isaiah 2:4 -- "He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many people's; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Isaiah 41:13 -- "For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'"

Luke 5:31 -- "And Jesus answered them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'"

John 11:32-35 -- "Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept."

Matthew 11:28 -- "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."