

SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS
IN THE WAKE OF GUN VIOLENCE AND MASS SHOOTINGS

Please choose from among the following intercessions

Priest: Confident in the love of the Father, let us turn to him with our petitions.

- For all members of the Church, that we may recognize our duty to uphold the dignity of every human life, we pray...
- That the Church may bear witness to Christ's message of love for neighbor and protection of those who are weakest, we pray.
- For those who suffer from mental illness and for those who love them, we pray.
- That civil authorities may recognize their responsibility to address a mental health crisis in our midst, we pray.
- For lawmakers, that they may have the courage to pass gun control legislation, we pray.
- That all civil authorities may enact policies, procedures, and laws to protect the youth of our country, we pray.
- For the children and teachers who died at the hand of a gunman at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas on May 24. May their families be comforted and may their community be healed, we pray.
- For the ten people who died at the Buffalo supermarket on May 14 and for those who mourn them. May this country honor them by steadfastly addressing the scourge of racism and the availability of guns, we pray.
- For all who have died in senseless school shootings in the United States and abroad, we pray.
- For the silencing of weapons – in Ukraine and in the United States, we pray.
- For peace in our time, we pray.

Priest: Heavenly Father,
You are the Author of love and the source of all peace.
Hear the prayers we ask with broken hearts and weary souls.
Give us your grace so that
we may bear witness to your peace,
we may be instruments of your mercy,
we may be the vessels of your charity,
and the voice of your truth.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.