

Evelyn Dieckhaus, 9
William Kinney, 9
Hallie Scruggs, 9
Mike Hill, 61
Katherine Koonce, 60; Cynthia Peak, 61

Sacred Lives Holy Remembrance

And we pray:

**O God and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they
all rest forever in your Peace**

**The American Medical Association and the American
Public Health Association have called gun violence a
public health issue. Gun violence is a leading cause of
premature death in the U.S.**

(American Public Health Association)

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**More U.S. citizens have died in the last 50 years by guns in
our homes, streets and schools than have died in the
history of all U.S. wars.**
(Congressional Research Service and CDC/National Center for
Health Statistics)

Silent Reflection

“I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain.”

— James Baldwin, The Fire Next Time

He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.
Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the LORD Almighty has spoken.

Micah 4:3-4

Time of Confession

O God, open our eyes to our hidden idolatry. Show us what we have placed before you in our lives. We confess that we have allowed guilt, shame, pain, and loneliness to make us ache. We have allowed anger, hatred, and fear to make us violent. Remind us that our idols will not save us from those feelings. Remind us that you alone can save us. Your Spirit guides us in times of weakness. When we hurt, we turn to you for healing. When we anger, we turn to you for peace. When we suffer, we turn to you for relief. When we question, we turn to you for clarity. Keep us from distractions and temptations. Bless us in our task to keep you above all else. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (*Contributor Matthew Crebbin*)

Time of Response

The Stoneman Douglas High School Seventeen
The Pennsylvania Carwash Four
The First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs Twenty-six
The Walmart Three

We Remember You

The Las Vegas Strip Fifty-eight
The San Francisco UPS Three
The Pennsylvania Supermarket Three
The Rural Ohio Nursing Home Three
The Tree of Life Synagogue Eleven
The Fort Lauderdale Airport Five
The Washington Cascade Mall Five

We Mourn You

The Baton Rouge Police Shooting Three
The Dallas Police Shooting Five
The Orlando Pulse Nightclub Forty-nine

We Remember You

The Kalamazoo Six
The Colorado Planned Parenthood Clinic Three
The Chattanooga Military Recruitment Center Five
The Charleston Mother Emmanuel Church Nine

We Mourn You

The Fort Hood (2014)
The Fort Hood (2009) Thirteen
The Washington Navy Yard Twelve
The Buffalo Supermarket Ten
The Laguna Hills, Ca Church One

We Remember You

The WI Sikh temple Seven
The CO Aurora Theater Twelve
The Carthage, NC Nursing Home Eight
The Columbine High School Thirteen
The Sandy Hook Elementary Newtown, CT Twenty-seven
The Robb Elementary Ulvade, Texas Twenty-One

We are Broken for You

There are too many to name and yet

We pledge to never forget the magnitude of every single loss, to their family, their friends and their community so today we name

On March 27th. Six lives lost to gun violence in Nashville, Tennessee ...