

Prayer Topic #2:

A Prayer Concerning the Mass Shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 12:3-6, Psalm 23

Reflections of the Heart:

Let us continue to pray for the victims and families of the Sutherland Springs, Texas Mass Shooting as they mourn and try to put their lives back together. The prayers of the righteous avails much!

Scriptural Prayer:

Beloved Father, thank You for Your loving care towards all those affected by the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas during this time of grief and despair. Thank You for the power of Your love that has shown up through the outpouring of compassion and prayer. Thank You, Father, for blessing those who trust in You, who have made You their hope and confidence. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ to redeem us from a life of despair and hopelessness. Gracious Father, we praise You with all of our hearts. You merely spoke and the heavens were created. You breathed the word and all of the stars were born. Your plans stand firm forever and Your intentions can never be shaken. You are an awesome God!

Loving Father, our country is experiencing the aftermath of the tragic shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Today, we cry out for the families and friends of those who have died. We declare that You, alone, are their refuge and place of safety. You are their God and they can trust in You. Lord, Your Name is a strong fortress and we declare that those who run to You will find spiritual, emotional, and psychological protection. We are expecting You to heal the broken hearted and to bind up the wounds that have been inflicted in the souls of all of those affected by this dreadful act. In Jesus' Name, we cancel the assignments of the spirits of anger, vengeance, bitterness, murder and rage in our nation. As Kingdom citizens, we render these spirits powerless in America! We declare that no weapon formed against the citizens of our nation will succeed any longer, and we silence the voice of mass murder that has risen against us.

Holy Spirit, show me what I can do to put an end to excessive gun violence:

Holy Spirit, help the victims and families of this mass shooting to heal. Help them to get through the upcoming days, weeks, months and years. Let Your love and presence saturate their hearts, souls and spirits. Please send people who will love, support, and comfort them. God, our Healer, please provide healing and speedy recovery to every victim who is in the hospital or recovering at home. Guide the hearts of all those who are involved in the investigations of this mass murder. Give President Trump and Congress a singleness of purpose, heart and mind concerning gun control laws so that stricter firearm regulations are implemented in our nation. Help them to put party politics and personal agendas aside for the safety and protection of the United States citizens.

Forgiving Father, forgive the people of our nation for all acts of sinfulness. Forgive those in the media who misinform the public about details of the mass shooting for the purpose of profit and gain. Forgive those who may have noticed warning signs of impending danger, but failed to take heed and speak up. Forgive those who seek to capitalize in any way off of the grief of the people. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind us of all those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive and help me to be quick to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help us all not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Magnificent Lord, when You spoke, the world began! It appeared at Your command. You look down from heaven and see the whole human race. From Your throne, You observe all who live on the earth. O Lord, our Lord, Your majestic Name fills the earth! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: John 3:16, Psalm 33:6, 11, Psalm 91:2, Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 54:17, I Corinthians 14:40, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 33:9,13-14, Psalm 8:9

Today, I will trust God to:
