

**Prayer Topic #2:**  
**A Prayer for Hope and Healing in Connecticut**

**Scripture Reading:**  
Psalm 65, Hebrews 4:14-16

**Reflections of the Heart:**

The tragic news of the recent shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut is heart-breaking. But, it is at times like this that we can rely on the Holy Spirit to draw us together as a community and as a nation to give the best of ourselves in the darkest of circumstances.

**Scriptural Prayer:**

Beloved Father, we thank You for Your loving care for the people of Newtown, Connecticut during their time of grief and despair. Thank You for the power of Your love that has shown up through the outpouring of compassion and prayer for this community. Thank You, Father, for blessing those who trust in You, who have made You their hope and confidence. 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 Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. We will continue to cry out for the families of the children and women 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 those who run to You will find spiritual, emotional, and psychological protection. You will heal the broken hearted and bind up the wounds that have been inflicted in the souls of the children of Newtown, Connecticut. 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!

***Holy Spirit, show me how to pray regarding Gun Control in the United States:***

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Holy Spirit, help each family to heal, especially the parents, spouses and children. Help them to continue 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.

Forgiving Father, forgive the sins of the people of our nation. Forgive those who seek to capitalize in any way off of the grief of the Newtown, Connecticut community. Holy Spirit, remind the people of Newtown, Connecticut of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive.

Holy Spirit, help them to not yield to temptation; but deliver them 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, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 33:9,13-14, Psalm 8:9

***Today, I will trust God to:***

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