

FAITH & ADVOCACY

NETWORK

Gun Violence Prevention

LEAD:

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The goal is to pray fully and work courageously to end the gun violence epidemic that is gripping our country. We share with the Episcopal Church the belief that the right to bear arms does not trump the right to life.

Every day at least 100 Americans are killed with guns.

We have witnessed an extraordinary number of mass shootings and our schools are particularly vulnerable.

In addition to these horrific events, gun deaths from suicides, homicides, and domestic violence have become routine. FAN is committed to supporting common sense measures that will change this narrative. We know that thoughts and prayers alone will not solve the tragedies of gun violence.

This committee of the Faith and Advocacy Network is guided by the [Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) (EPPN) and the [Bishops United Against Gun Violence](#) in creating an action plan to promote legislation at the state and national levels of government. The areas of focus will be gun registration, improved background checks, funding for mental health programs, and gun violence research. The activities will include an annual recognition of Wear Orange in June to commemorate those lost to gun violence, a prayer vigil to name the victims, education and action during the Georgia Legislative Session to support gun law reform and prevent further loosening of restrictions, and educating the parish and community on the cost of gun violence.

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HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Seek to understand the impact of gun violence on our society, particularly our children. Pray for guidance as we work to make important changes for sensible gun reform.

LEARN

Those who live by the sword shall also perish by the sword.
Matthew 26:52
Blessed are the peacemakers.
Matthew 5:9
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
John 12:27

PRAY

Volunteer with St. Luke's, other intown churches, and organizations such as Moms Demand Action and Everytown for Gun Safety to take a stand to stop gun violence. Write to your Senators, Congressman, and state legislators supporting new laws and policies that will promote gun safety and reduce gun violence.

ACT

