

Prayer

*(We join in mourning all victims of gun violence.
We recommit ourselves to the path of active nonviolence and peace.)*

**Choosing the Path of Peace:
Remembering All Those Who Lost Their Lives to Gun Violence**

We pray in the spirit of the Psalms:
We are in distress, we are in anguish.

Our tears are bitter, as once again the lives You have created are disrespected, destroyed,
Because of fear, of hate, of refusal to see the others as part of oneself,
Because weapons are more common than compassion, than solidarity.

We pray for the dead,
For their families and friends in grief.

We pray for the living.
May the healing begin,
For the wounded,
For all those in the frantic crowd,

For the local communities,
For this nation, in such distress and anguish.

We pray that we may begin
to see the violence end
and peace be with us all.

Amen. Amen.

-Jane Deren
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