



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

## WORSHIP RESOURCE: GUN VIOLENCE LITANY

Today we remember  
those who have died by gun violence,  
those who have survived gun violence,  
those who mourn deaths of family and friends by gun violence.

Aching with sorrow  
**we grieve this pain and death that surrounds and fills us.**

Today we remember  
mass killings in places of prayer,  
in synagogues, mosques, and churches—  
especially this year in Pittsburgh and Poway, New Zealand, Sri Lanka  
(and others may be named. . .)

Rejecting the viciousness  
**we give ourselves to one another in love and care.**

Today we remember  
deaths and fears of death  
rampant in schools, homes, and workplaces.  
Marching for their lives, young people awaken us to action.

Listening at last  
**we rise up to face the horror; we confess ourselves complicit.**

Let us pray together.  
**Forgive, O God, our wrongful action and our inaction.**  
**Forgive our silence and indifference.**  
**Lead us in love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

May God who is our hope  
inscribe our hearts with justice and guide us in the ways of peace. **Amen.**

Sing:

*Goodness is stronger than evil*

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