

## A LITANY FOR THE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

From all blindness of heart; from arrogance, vainglory, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word  
and commandment by thought, word, or deed,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all terror, oppression, violence, and murder,  
and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

That it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right  
way, and to bless and keep all thy people, so we all may be of one heart and one  
mind, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, faith and charity; one flock,  
led by one shepherd,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have grievously  
erred, are deceived, and whose hearts and mind are shackled by anger  
or evil intent,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of all in authority, that they may do  
justice, and love mercy, and walk and speak in the ways of the truth,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all  
nations and communities unity, peace, and concord;  
and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger because of the color of their skin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or for any other reason,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by the strife of hatred, violence, racism, sexism, nationalism, or any other prejudice,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies and persecutors, and all terrorists, tyrants, and thugs, and to turn their hearts, and our own, to forgiveness, compassion, and love,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, especially those murdered at the Tops Supermarket in Buffalo, New York: Roberta A. Drury, Margus Morrison, Andre Mackneil, Aaron Salter, Geraldine Talley, Celestine Chaney, Heyward Patterson, Katherine Massey, Pearly Young, Ruth Whitfield; those killed at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas: Alexandria Aniyah Rubios, Alithia Ramirez, Amerie Jo Garza, Annabelle Guadalupe Rodriguez, Eliahana Cruz Torres, Eliana Garcia, Eva Mireles, Irma Garcia, Jackie Cazares, Jailah Nicole Silguero, Jayce Luevanos, José Flores, Layla Salazar, Makenna Lee Elrod, Maite Rodriguez, Miranda Mathis, Nevaeh Bravo, Rojelio Torres, Tess Marie Mata, Uziyah Garcia, Xavier Lopez, and to those whose names are known to you alone,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring the healing power of thy love to those wounded in these acts of violence, to bless those who care for them, and to bring comfort and peace to those who mourn.  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

O Christ, hear us.  
*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.