



Louise

Song: “Rescue the Perishing”

Prayer: As the Spirit leads

Scripture: Philippians 4:5-8

Meditation

“Prayer”

“Mass Shooting at a Buffalo, New York Supermarket; Ten Killed, Three Wounded”, “One Killed, Five Others Injured in Shooting at Church in Southern California”, “Two Killed, Three Injured at Houston

Flea Market”, “Nineteen Children and Two Teachers Killed in Uvalde, Texas”, are headlines that rang out across the news media during the month of May in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two. These are four out of 200+ mass shooting in the United States since January 1, 2022. What is going on in our country?

These headlines pierced the hearts of many and roused much sympathy for the victims and their loved ones. They raised concerns about the easy access to guns initially designed for military combat. They also raised concerns about how individuals with mental and emotional issues can access these weapons.

Additionally, these headlines reminded us that racism is not dead in this United States of America.

Events such as these prompt Christians to ask, “What can we do to help prevent these mass shootings?” Philippians 4:6 (NIV) tells us “...but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” So, we must first go to God in prayer, and when we pray, we must ask for direction.

His response may be to reach out to a person who is friendless or has lost hope, develop a trusting relationship, and introduce the individual to Jesus Christ. God’s Holy Spirit may reveal someone in need of help, to whom available resources can be provided. Direction to write our elected officials on Capitol Hill and urge them to pass laws that will keep weapons out of the hands of individuals with the intent of harming others may be given. Whatever direction is received, we must heed God and act.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, please comfort all individuals whose loved ones were taken from them during a mass shooting. Then Father, guide us in the direction to best help prevent or reduce the occurrence of such events. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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