

# Preparing for Gun Violence Reduction Sabbath

*Please remember to wear orange on June 6th.*

Sunday, May 16th

Religious literature, in most faith traditions, “are replete with acts and images of violence. So, too, is the history of the religious traditions that holds these books sacred.”

“It is our interpretation of them and the theological significance they have for us that most merit our attention. While a detailed analysis of these complex and nuanced issues is far beyond the scope of this discussion, several perspectives on violence provide a thoughtful basis for our engagement and reflection.”\*

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God of all mercy, who weeps with us as we anguish over lives broken and lost to the violence which so pains our community: Open our ears that we might hear their cries; open our eyes that we might see their fears; open our hearts that we might embrace them in love; and open our arms that we might protect them from all harm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.\***

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