

Preparing for Gun Violence Reduction Sabbath

Please wear orange on June 6th

Sunday, May 23rd, 2021

Michigan Gun Deaths by Intent for 2019

1,220 gun deaths in Michigan, including 83 children and teens (ages 0-19)	61% Suicides comprised three in five gun deaths.
38% Homicides comprised nearly two in five-gun deaths.	87% of gun death victims were male

<https://efsgv.org/state/michigan>

Great Creator, on whose protection our health, safety and security depend: We implore your healing of a nation divided and unable to find common purpose in resolving the scourge of gun violence; lift souls and offer hope to all whose desperation would end in self-inflicted death; bring forbearance and love to our homes so that frustration and anger may be diffused through conversation not violence; oversee those places where we gather to learn and worship that they may be safe sanctuaries for all who enter them; be present where we work that mutual respect and just relationships might govern our economic lives and disagreements be resolved through engagement not revenge; join us where we walk and play that our streets and turf may cradle dreams not bodies; and strengthen, encourage and support all who strive to find shared cause in preventing gun violence; all for your love's sake, Amen.

<https://www.eachotherskeeper.org/chapter-3>