

God of Mercy, You Have Shown Us

A Hymn Lamenting Gun Violence

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God of mer - cy, you have shown us ways of liv - ing that are
On a street where neigh - bors gath - er, shots are heard; a young girl
God, we pray for those who suf - fer when this world seems so un -
God, re - new our faith and vi - sion; make us those who bold - ly



good: "Work for jus - tice, treas - ure kind - ness, hum - bly
dies. On a cam - pus, stu - dents scat - ter as the
fair; May your church be quick to of - fer lov - ing
lead! May we work for just de - ci - sions that bring



jour - ney with the Lord." Yet your peo - ple here are
vio - lence claims more lives. In a fam - ily filled with
com - fort, gen - tle care. And we pray: A - mid the
true se - cur - i - ty. Help us change this vio - lent



griev - ing, hurt by wea - pons that de - stroy. Help us
an - ger, tem - pers flare and shots re - sound. God of
vio - lence, may we speak your truth, O Lord! Give us
cul - ture based on i - dols, built on fear. Help us



turn to you, be - liev - ing in your way that brings us joy.
love, we weep and won - der at the vio - lence all a - round.
strength to break the si - lence, say - ing, "This can be no more!"
build a peace - ful fu - ture with your world of peo - ple here.

Biblical References: Micah 6:8; Luke 1:79; Romans 12:15; I John 4:16-21; Matthew 5:9

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In interfaith worship services, this line may be used:

Change the original text of "May your church be quick to offer loving comfort, gentle care."

to interfaith text: "May we all be quick to offer loving, comfort, gentle care."

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