
SAMPLE ORDER OF SERVICE 1

THEME:

Putting your faith into action to prevent, reduce and eliminate gun violence in our communities.

WELCOME:

Welcome to our annual God Not Guns Sabbath

We hope that you will learn from our service today and be inspired to continue the work of preventing gun violence and preventing horrible tragedies the likes of which we have experienced during the Columbine tragedy, the Amish school heartbreak, and the Virginia Tech disaster. We hope that you will be inspired to prevent the kind of senseless and preventable violence so many communities across the country face every day.

Please accept the gift of this information and open your hearts and minds to the possibility of creating and living in a peaceful society that is free from the carnage of gun violence.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Involve a praise team, choir or inspirational speaker to read selected scripture, lead songs or offer motivational words.

Sample Hymnal/Spiritual Songs:

-- *Where Can I Go for Peace*

<http://www.lds.org/churchmusic/detailmusicPlayer/index.html?searchlanguage=1&searchcollection=1&searchseqstart=163&searchsubseqstart=%20&searchseqend=163&searchsubseqend=ZZZ>

-- *When Faith Endures*

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SCRIPTURAL READING (SEE SUGGESTED SCRIPTURAL READINGS ON PAGE 9 FOR MORE EXAMPLES)

Sample Scripture/Readings

MICAH 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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All violence is injustice. Responding to violence with violence is injustice, not only to the other person but also to oneself. Responding to violence with violence resolves nothing; it only escalates violence, anger and hatred. It is only with compassion that we can embrace and disintegrate violence. This is true in relationships between individuals as well as in relationships between nations.

MESSAGE

Plan for the delivery of a thematic message on the prevention, reduction, and elimination of gun violence. Choose a selection from Food for Thought or Prayers as a basis for your message on gun violence prevention.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (SEE SUGGESTED PRAYERS STARTING ON PAGE 14)

Offer congregation members inspirational words that will encourage an on-going commitment to work to end gun violence in their communities and across the country.

*Augment your support for continued commitment by making the Gun Not Guns Resolution and Statement of Commitment provided in the worship guide available to your church community as an additional educational resource.

CLOSING HYMN/SPIRITUAL SONG:

Sample Hymnal/Spiritual Songs

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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