



10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

1. Contact your representative in the U.S. Congress and ask that they support:
 - a. Universal background checks and waiting periods for all gun purchases;
 - b. A ban on semiautomatic assault weapons, armor piercing handgun ammunition, and .50 caliber sniper rifles.
2. Identify the organizations in your community engaged in gun violence prevention and get involved.
3. Attend a peaceful demonstration or public prayer service to end gun violence.
4. Contact your mayor and city council members and demand that steps be taken in your community to prevent gun violence.
5. Help close the gun show loophole that allows purchases with NO BACKGROUND CHECKS.
6. Plan a screening of *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* for your group or organization. Visit pcusa.org/storyproductions to get suggestions and resources on hosting a screening.
7. Join or form a local chapter of Heeding God's Call, a faith-based movement to end gun violence. Visit heedinggodscall.org for more information.
8. Ask the leaders of your worshiping community to address gun violence in worship services (with periodic preaching, liturgies, and prayers) and education classes. Resources can be found at presbyterianmission.org/gun-violence-resources.
9. Learn about your state's concealed carry laws, which may allow guns to be carried openly, including into houses of worship. Encourage your places of work and worship to prominently display signs that prohibit carrying guns onto their property.
10. Encourage those you know (citizens, hunters, and law enforcement officials) who regularly handle weapons properly to be wise examples in reducing risks and teaching how to prevent the misuse of deadly force.

All suggestions are based upon the recommendations approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) in *Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call*. To acquire additional copies, order **PDS 24-052-11-002** at pcusa.org/store.

