

Possible Scripture Passages in Addressing Gun Violence

These texts certainly do not exhaust the passages that may speak to the challenges of gun violence, public violence and mass shootings. These are only a few of the passages that may be instructive in study, preaching and reflection on the epidemic of gun violence and the challenges we face in preventing it.

OLD TESTAMENT

- Genesis 1:27 - We are created in the image of God
- Exodus 20:13 - Thou shall not kill
- Leviticus 19 - God's shalom to reign in all aspects of life
- Deuteronomy 21:1-9 - Take Responsibility for a murder
- Deuteronomy 30:11; 19-20 - Choose life that you may live
- Isaiah 2:3-4 - Beat swords into plowshares
- Isaiah 9:5-7 - Unto us a child is born
- Isaiah 11:1-9 - A vision of peace
- Isaiah 30:9 - Those who spurn God's call to righteousness
- Isaiah 40: 1-11 - Comfort for God's people
- Isaiah 58:12 - Being a repairer of the breach
- Jeremiah 29: 1 - Seek the Welfare of the City
- Zechariah 8:1 - Zechariah's vision of New Jerusalem

NEW TESTAMENT

- Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are the peacemakers
- Matthew 5:13 - You are the salt of the earth, light of world
- Matthew 6:10 - Thy Kingdom Come on earth
- Matthew 19:19 - Love your neighbor as yourself
- Matthew 26:52 - Those who live by the sword die by it
- Luke 10:25-28 - Thinking is important The Great commandment
- Luke 22:47-53 - Jesus and Violence
- I Corinthians 13 - Greatest of these is love
- II Corinthians 5:16 - God gave us the ministry of reconciliation
- Galatians 6:7-10 - Don't lose heart
- Ephesians 6:10 - Wrestling against a gigantic evil
- Philippians 2:1 - The Mind of Christ
- Revelation 5:9-13 - The victor over evil is Lamb who was slain
- Revelation 11:15 - Kingdoms of world become kingdoms of Christ
- Revelation 19:6 - God's certain victory over evil