

Daily Devotion For May 26, 2022

⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who live by the sword will die by the sword.” Matthew 26:52

Tuesday, our nation was overrun by the news that another mass shooting took place in Uvalde Texas. 19 innocent children and 2 teachers were killed by an 18 year old gunman who also died at the scene.

According to public records, there are more mass shootings in America than there are days in 2022. If you are like me, hearing this type of news causes us to think, why?? How do we process this information? As a nation, what should our response be? Change gun control laws? Hire more police? Harsher jail sentences? Get congress to act?

The alarming frequency at which so many human lives are being cut short through the barrel of a gun demands a response. Tuesday, before the fourth game of the Western Conference finals, Golden State Warriors head coach Steve Kerr passionately stated, “This is pathetic! I’ve had enough!” Steve Kerr can speak out of personal experience as his father, Malcom Kerr was assassinated in 1984 by two Islamic Terrorist as he was the President of American University in Beirut.

These tragic outbreaks of violence remind us that we live in a lost and broken world. Even churches have seen acts of terrorism and violence. Last Sunday, the Geneva Presbyterian Church, (a church that I knew well as it was in the Los Ranchos Presbytery, the same presbytery as Wintersburg) saw a member of their congregation killed. But as people of faith, we know that this broken world is also so loved by God. We pray that our churches will continue to be seen as places of refuge, of love, and of hope, rather than places of fear. We seek God’s guidance as we try to make sense of these tragedies and respond as Christ would.

In President Joe Biden’s remarks to the nation on Tuesday night he quoted Psalm 34:18, “The Lord is near to the broken hearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Thought and Prayer For Today: Pray for the family and friends of the victims in Uvalde Texas. Pray for God’s comfort and peace to be with them. Deo Volente.