

A Prayer After Another Violent Shooting

Praying for Peace and Justice on July 14, 2024

Holy Oneness, author of the Sacred Web of Life,
We come this morning stunned once again
By the news of yet another violent shooting
At a public gathering.

We know that the power of peace and respect for one another
Is a radical message that Jesus lived and taught.
We also know that his radical welcome for all, outcast and
insider, was rejected by the most powerful people of his day.

Open our eyes, we pray, to see
The places where WE can stand
As members of your sacred body here and now –
Act for peace AND justice in THIS time and place,

To stem the tide of violence and distrust
That threatens the very fabric of our lives.

Open our hearts, to claim the truth of your presence and power
In our lives, that we can BE peace-makers and justice-seekers
Wherever we are.

May it be so,
Amen.