



## Sample Church Bulletin Entries

### God Not Guns

St. Joseph's Social Justice Committee has decided that our parish will join the Brady Center's God Not Guns Coalition, which calls on all people of faith to reflect on and respond to the epidemic of gun violence that kills over 30,000 Americans every year.

The Committee encourages all parishioners to take time out to reflect on the spiritual and moral ramifications of gun violence, and put your faith into action to prevent gun violence by creating non-violent and loving communities where all children have the opportunity to grow and prosper, and where everyone can live without fear of being cut down by gun violence.

For more information you can visit their website [www.godnotguns.org](http://www.godnotguns.org).

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Next weekend, Beth-El Temple will be joining faith communities around the country that are taking time to reflect on the spiritual and moral ramifications of gun violence in America.

This is part of the Brady Center's God Not Guns Sabbath weekend, where all walks of faith will work to make real a commitment to work towards the creation of the Divine vision of a peaceable kingdom

God Not Guns calls on people of faith to respond to the epidemic of gun violence that kills over 30,000 Americans every year, to take action, and to awaken to the spiritual issues at the core of gun violence.

For our part, the Temple will {list what you are doing}.

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This weekend marks the Brady Center's God Not Guns Sabbath weekend, which calls on all people of faith to reflect on and respond to the epidemic of gun violence that kills over 30,000 Americans every year – and as a member of the God Not Guns Coalition, we offer today this reflection from Rev. Rachel Smith, founder of God Not Guns:

*When our soul belongs to God, we live not by our own authority but by Gods. We seek not to have control over our lives but to give our lives over to God. If our spirits are devoted to God, then we live in reverent awareness of the sacredness of every life, and in doing so we come to know the transformative power of compassionate living, the challenge of seeking justice, and the deep peace of walking humbly with our God.*

Or

*As people of faith we must stand witness to the destructive power of gun violence. We must say we will rely not on guns, but on God. We will affirm not guns, but life. We will bless not guns, but our common humanity. We must hold up a higher value saying that our children's lives are a sacred trust and that human life is more important than any gun.*

(please see God Not Guns Worship Guide at [www.GodNotGuns.org](http://www.GodNotGuns.org) for additional meditations, readings and reflections.)