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**Prayers for Las Vegas**
**Pass Gun Violence Control Measures**

It was chilling and saddening to wake up this morning to the news of the Las Vegas mass shooting late last night. The National Advocacy Center and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd around the country and around the world are offering our prayers for those who have died, for the victims, for all their families and for the citizens of Las Vegas.

It is reassuring to hear the stories of so many every day heroes and of the heroism of the first responders who undoubtedly saved many lives. We offer prayers of thanks.

As a founding member of Faiths United Against Gun Violence, we also pray for an end to gun violence and call on policy makers and legislators to take steps immediately to pass gun violence control measures.

*The National Advocacy Center* educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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