



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## Bullet Control Law

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**“You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.” (Mt 5:21b)**

### Bullet Control Law

Seems many are debating the gun laws in America. But I have been hearing, “guns don’t kill; people kill!”

Those words got me thinking.

Gun-lovers stash their guns and their bullets.

There is no Bullet Control Law!

“Funny,” I thought. “Isn’t it the bullet that strikes the vital parts of life in humans?”

But a staunch debater shouted back, “That’s crazy; bullets don’t kill; people kill!”

My stubborn mind could not let the thought go.

Here is why, if you care to know. My experiences in life (as I aged in grace,) felt many a bullet hit my face perhaps this bullet was “misplaced.”

That wounding bullet pierced my heart space!

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Have you ever experienced such bullets?

- Shooting the look that kills
- Peeking at a watch and not at your face as one speaks
- Turning away of a head when you pass by
- Ducking for cover by another as you walk a hall
- Ignoring that you even exist in a group
- Interrupting bullets disturbing others in conversation
- Crossing the road to avoid contact

Let your own experiences add to the stash of ammunition that harbors in minds and hearts.

Remember the old adages:

“Actions speak louder than words.”

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

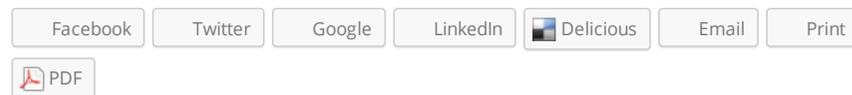
Or, just think with an “out -of-t he-box mentality” about these words of Jesus,

**“You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment” (Mt 5:21b)**

**For Reflection and Sharing:**

1. What kind of positive “bullet proof vest” helps when killing bullets hit your heart?
2. Which of the bullets need to be controlled in your own life?
3. Why is a wounding bullet just as devastating as a killing bullet?
4. Do you have a gnawing bullet wound you would like to share with anyone?
5. Why do you keep your stash of bullets?
6. How can you keep from wounding others?
7. Is there a special prayer of compassion you pray for those you wound or for those who wound you?

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