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**Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Offers Prayers,
Support for Victims of Terror in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio**

“Join me in praying for healing during these difficult and painful times”

ST. LOUIS – In the wake of the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio, the Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, joins his brother bishops in offering his prayers and support for victims, families and all who have been impacted by these terrible crimes:

“The loss of life, pain and fear brought about by these senseless and horrific acts of gun violence in our communities and society, once again, call us to confront and condemn all forms of hate—and violence associated with it.

Together, we must continue to raise our voices and advocate for responsible local and national policies, legislation and culture change. We must ensure that our efforts are driven by the best interest and safety of our citizens and systematically address the root causes of violence in our communities. As shepherd of this archdiocese, I ask Catholics and people of good will to join me in praying for healing during these difficult and painful times in our human family. In faith and solidarity, we know and trust that our prayers and actions on behalf of the common good will yield positive societal transformation.”

- *Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St Louis*

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