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**Leader:** We pray for those who lost loved ones to such violence. Comfort them.

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**Leader:** We pray for people who must do dangerous work to feed their families. Help us to stand with them to help make their work as safe as possible.

**People:** This week we remembered the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Columbine school shooting.

**Leader:** We pray for all families who have lose children to gun violence. Help us find ways to stop this killing.

**People:** We continue to remember all families who are being torn from their homes by violence and poverty, especially those who are forcibly separated or treated as criminals just for seeking help, safety, and human dignity.

**Leader:** We pray especially for those forced into refugee camps and those treated as criminals just for seeking help.

**All:** The gift of forgiveness and salvation you offer to all people through the death and resurrection on your Son is our greatest hope and joy. Remind us that we are called to share that joy with our words and actions. We cannot live and share the Easter message without being of service, and offering compassion to those who suffer.

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- Those whose lives were forever changed by the **Columbine** school shooting 20 years ago last week. Remember all those who have lost children to such violence.
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