

## The Power of Prayer Under Attack

Wednesday's shooting at Minneapolis's Annunciation Catholic School was heartbreaking enough. **Two children were killed** while attending Mass. But what followed only compounded the anguish. Instead of coming together in grief, **Democrat leaders immediately weaponized this tragedy** to attack **faith** and push their **political agenda**. Rather than unite and search for real solutions, they chose **division** and **blame**.

Former White House Press Secretary and MSNBC host Jen Psaki declared, **"Prayer is not freaking enough. Prayers does not end school shootings. Prayers do not make parents feel safe sending their kids to school. Prayer does not bring these kids back. Enough with the thoughts and prayers."** California Governor Gavin Newsom also mocked, **"These children were literally praying as they got shot at."**



This **cruel response** isn't just tone-deaf, **it's a heartless assault on grieving families and the millions of Americans whose faith sustains them through unimaginable loss**. In moments of deepest sorrow, people of faith turn to the promise of Scripture: **"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit"** (Psalm 34:18 KJV). When tragedy strikes, prayer doesn't replace action but rather empowers it.

**White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt** was absolutely correct when she called these comments **"incredibly insensitive and disrespectful to the tens of millions of Americans of faith across this country who believe in the power of prayer, who believe that prayer works."** She understands the fundamental truth that Psaki and others missed: **prayer and action work together, not against each other**. Prayer empowers action; they go hand in hand.

The Democrat response reveals their true priority: **exploiting tragedy to push gun control rather than addressing root causes**. But facts tell a different story. FBI data shows that significant numbers of homicides are committed with non-firearm weapons, proving that those intent on violence will find ways regardless of restrictions.

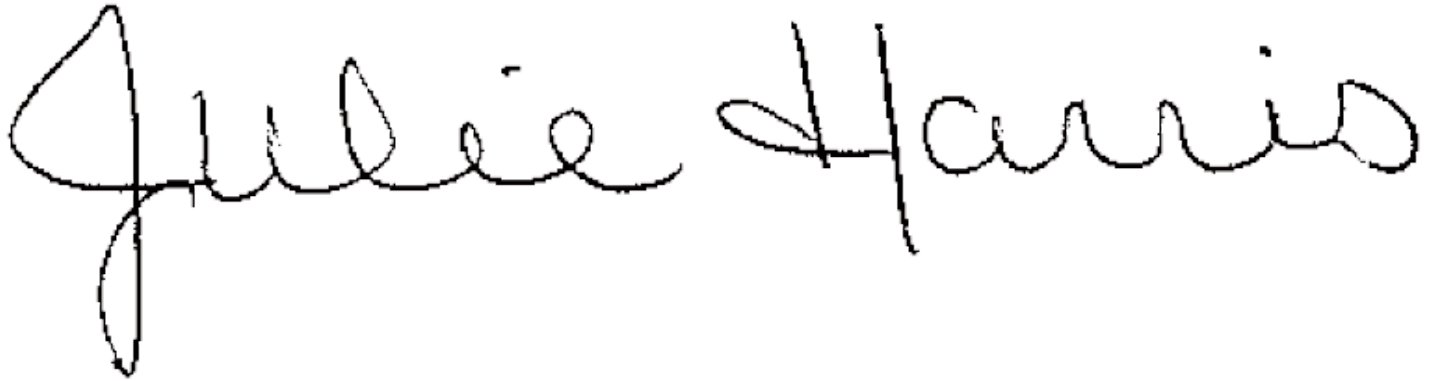
The real tragedy here isn't gun availability but rather the **mental health crisis** we've failed to address. **This shooter was a confused, mentally ill 23-year-old who had legally changed his name from Robert to Robin**, reflecting deeper internal struggles. Rather than confronting this reality, Democrat leaders chose to attack the faithful while ignoring someone who desperately needed help.

**Prayer has always sustained America through its darkest hours**. Faith communities don't pray instead of serving; **they pray while serving**. Vice President JD Vance captured this perfectly: **"We pray because our hearts are broken. We pray because we know God listens. We pray because we know that God works in mysterious ways, and can inspire us to further action."**

**Karoline Leavitt was right to defend the power of prayer**. As she said, "It's utterly disrespectful to deride the power of prayer in this country." **This isn't political; it's human decency**.

Prayer and action aren't either-or propositions. **You can pray while also working to keep children safe and implement preventative measures.** Faith communities understand this balance, and it's this very balance that has made America a blessed nation.

**In times like these, America needs leaders who understand that true strength comes from a spiritual foundation, not those who exploit tragedy to divide us further.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Julie" is connected to the last name "Harris" by a single continuous line. The "J" is large and loops around the "u". The "H" is tall and has a long vertical stroke that extends downwards. The "i" is small and has a dot. The "s" at the end is a simple, rounded flourish.