

Subject: **A Timely, Sobering, One-Week Memorial**
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Sandy Hook Elementary School, Sandy Hook, Connecticut

Please pray for mercy and acceptance for the victims and their families and all those affected by this shocking event. Before you pray, please read this sensitive three-page poem memorializing this tragic loss. Thank you.

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'Twas 11 days before Christmas, morning 's 9:38,
When 20 beautiful children would enter heaven 's gate.
Their smiles were contagious; laughter filled the air.
They could hardly believe what beauty was there.

Filled with great joy, they knew not what to say.

They remembered nothing of what had happened that day.

"Where are we?" one girl asked, as quiet as a mouse.

"This is Christmas in heaven," said a small boy, "here in God's house."

When what to their wondering eyes did appear,

'Twas Jesus, their Savior, as the children drew near.

Looking at them He smiled, and they smiled just the same.

Then He opened His arms and He called them by name.

For then there was joy that only heaven can bring;

The children flew into the arms of their King.

As they lingered in the warmth of His caring embrace,

One girl turned and looked intently at Jesus' face.

As if He could read all the questions she had,

He said, "Yes, I'll take very good care of Mom and Dad."

Then He looked down on the Earth far below.

He saw all the hurt, the sorrow, the woe.

Closing His eyes, He said as He reached out His hand,

"Let My power and presence re-enter that land!

"May the country be delivered from the hands of fools.

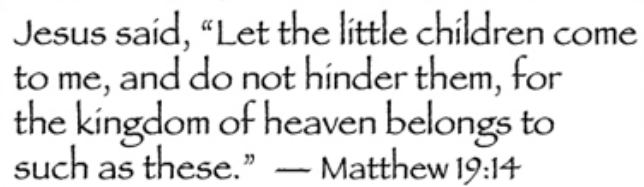
"I'll take back my nation; I'll take back my schools!"

As He and the children shared the love they had found,
He said, "Come my children, let me show you around."

Excitement filled the space, some skipped and some ran.
Displaying the enthusiasm that only a young child can.

And I heard Jesus proclaim as He walked with them that night,
"In the midst of this darkness, I AM still the Light."

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." — Matthew 19:14