



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's condolences over mass shootings in U.S. cities**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia expressed his condolences to the President of the United States, Mr. Donald Trump, over a series of shooting incidents, as the result of which dozens of people had died and been injured. On 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019, the shooting at Walmart store in the territory of a shopping center in El Paso, Texas, left 21 people dead and over 20 people injured. In the early morning of 4<sup>th</sup> August, the shooting broke out in downtown Dayton, Ohio, killing nine people. Seven more people were injured during the shooting at one of the parks in Chicago, Illinois.*

**His Excellency Mr. Donald TRUMP**

**President**

**United States of America**

Your Excellency, dear Mr. President,

I was deeply grieved to learn about the death and injuries of innocent people as the result of the shootings in three U.S. cities.

On these days of hardship for the American people I convey my condolences to all those stricken with sorrow. It is my hope that every effort will be exerted to prevent such tragedies in future.

May the Merciful Lord give strength to the hands of the doctors fighting for the life and health of the injured, and grant the soonest recovery to the wounded and consolation to the relatives and friends of the victims.

With condolences,

**+KIRILL**

**PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA**