

Politicians Praying for Batman Movie Shooting Victims

President Obama is shocked and saddened by the shooting inside the Cinema 16 theater in Aurora, Colo., that killed 12 and injured 50 others. But he's not the only government official to take a knee.

The **Colorado shooting** has Capitol Hill's attention. Senators and congressmen are condemning the mass shooting and **praying** for the victim's families. Friday morning, many lawmakers offered thoughts and prayers.

"Confronted with incomprehensible evil, Americans pull together and embrace our national family more tightly. I join President Obama, and every American, in sending my thoughts and **prayers** to the victims of this awful tragedy. We will all stand with them, as one nation, in the days ahead." *—House Speaker John Boehner*

"Colorado and the nation woke up this morning to news of horrendous tragedy; our **prayers** are with each and every one of the victims and their families. Law enforcement is doing what they do best—acting bravely in the face of violence and we are all grateful for their service. In the hours and days to come, we will learn the answers we so desperately seek to fully understand what happened. Those responsible will be brought to justice." *—Rep. Cory Gardner, R-Colo.*

"Elaine and I are heartbroken by the shootings in Aurora. This senseless massacre of so many innocent people gathered with friends and family in a movie theater reminds us not only of the great evil that exists in the hearts of some, but of the great and precious gift of life. I join all Americans today in **prayer** for the victims, their families and friends, and the wider Aurora community, and in heartfelt thanks to all the

first responders who quickly responded at great risk to themselves. It is in moments like this that Americans have always drawn closer together and shown their great compassion and generosity to those touched by tragedy and loss. We hope that in the midst of the horror in Aurora, these qualities shine through once again and reach those who are suffering most. America is at prayer today for all who are affected by this tragedy.” –*Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell*

“The thoughts and prayers of all members of Congress are with Coloradans this morning as they grapple with the random, senseless act of violence that took the lives of innocent people. As local law enforcement, first responders, and medical professionals work tirelessly in the aftermath, the federal government will be a partner. As families confront this tragedy, the nation and its leaders are **praying** for them.” –*House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi*

“I am deeply saddened and outraged by these senseless and tragic shootings. My thoughts go out to the families and friends of those killed, and I am praying for a speedy recovery for those who were wounded. My staff and I are in close contact with officials on the ground and will offer any federal resources needed to investigate this terrible crime and bring those responsible to justice.” –*Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo.*

“This was horrible, senseless and abhorrent act. My family and I are shocked and deeply saddened this morning and our hearts are with the victims and their families. My staff and I are in contact with and offering our support to law enforcement and medical officials as they respond to the shooting.” –*Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo.*