

## **DR. CHARLES F. STANLEY RESPONDS TO RECENT VIOLENCE IN ILLINOIS, ALABAMA AND GERMANY**

America's Pastor Seeks to Comfort Those Affected by Shootings

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**ATLANTA, March 11 (In Touch)** – Moved by the fatal shootings in Illinois, Alabama and Germany this week, Dr. Charles F. Stanley is extending his condolences to all those affected by these terrible tragedies. Understanding that the days, weeks and months ahead will involve a long and difficult healing process, Dr. Stanley's goal is to reassure the victims, their families and their friends of God's love, compassion and purpose even during the most painful times. He also challenges people to respond wisely when confronted with difficult or terrifying circumstances and to remember those who have been impacted by these terrible events in their prayers.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to those families and friends who lost a loved one or were injured in this week's violent and senseless acts,” Dr. Stanley explains. “In the face of such overwhelming tragedy, we often wonder why our loving God would allow so much injury and loss of life. We ask, ‘Why didn't He prevent it? Why didn't He do something?’ No one knows the answer to that question. But what we do know is that God is still in control.”

Dr. Stanley asks all Americans to: “Please join us in praying that the God of all comfort will be with everyone affected by these tragic events. They indicate the need for this country and the entire world to seek comfort and direction from the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only One who can heal the hearts of men, women and children no matter what circumstance or situation we face.”

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Dr. Charles Stanley is the founder and president of In Touch Ministries and senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. “In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley” is broadcast around the world on TV and radio in 54 languages. In southern Alabama, “In Touch” can be heard Monday to Friday on WDYF-FM Faith Radio 90.3 at 8:00 a.m. and on WIZB-FM His Radio 94.3 at 9:30 a.m. In the St. Louis area, “In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley” airs every Sunday on KNLC-TV Channel 24 at 9:00 a.m. It also can be heard on KSIV AM1320 or KSIV FM91.5 at various times throughout the day. For more information about In Touch broadcasts or affiliates in your area, or to find out about In Touch's many resources for comfort and encouragement, please call 800-789-1473 or visit [www.intouch.org](http://www.intouch.org). All In Touch video, audio and print content is available on our Web site.