

At Old St. Mary's Church, two nuns pray as Father Anthony J. Wilhelm says Mass for wounded Senator.

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RFK Victory Talk Against Violence

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — In the victory speech Robert Kennedy delivered moments before a gunman fired a bullet into his brain, the New York senator urged his supporters to help him deal with the plague of violence in America.

It was in large measure a joking, jubilant speech.

But Kennedy was solemn as he declared:

"I think we can end the divisions within the United States."

"We can work together," he said, to overcome "divisions, violence, disenchantment.

"We can start to work together, we are a great country, a selfless country, a compassionate country.... "What all of these primaries have indicated, and all of the party caucuses have indicated, was that people in the Democratic Party and the United States, want a change

Kennedy said he hoped now to "concentrate on having a dialog or a debate, I hope, between the vice president and perhaps myself on the directions the country is going to take."

Throngs Pray for Recovery

The shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy sent countless Californians to church today to seek soolace and to pray for his recovery.

In San Francisco, minutes after the violence, the Rev. George LeBlanc celebrated Mass at Old St. Mary's Church. Many of Kennedy's supporters came from their headquarters to pray.

At 6:30 a.m., in the same church, the Rev. Anthony J. Wilhelm celebrated another special Mass, offered, as he said:

". . For Senator Kennedy and the welfare of our country."

'DAMN MAD'

One woman worshipper said, with tears streaming down her face:

"I'm damn mad . . ."

In Ukiah some 200 residents, both Catholic and Protestant, gathered before 5 a.m. at St. Mary's of the Angels Church though special services for the senator were not scheduled until 6:30.

The grief and the prayers were non-sectarian.

Prayer services for Kennedy were scheduled for 8 a.m., 12 noon and 5:30 p.m. tomorrow and Friday at the First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Steets.

DAY FO PRAYER

The Rev. James Clark Brown, minister, said the public is invited to come in for prayer or meditation at any time during the day.

Dr. Morris Goldstein, dean of rabbis of the Bay Area, issued a statement saying:

"All of us are shocked and profoundly grieved by this senseless act of violence. We pray for the complete recovery of Senator Kennedy.

"Temple Sherith Isreal, at California and Webster Streets, is opening its chapel all day to be available to all persons who feel the urge to come and express themselves in prayer — not only for the senator's recovery, but also for a new climate of tranquility in our disturbed country."