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- for **those dealing with storms, fires, flooding, earthquakes, and other disasters**. We've had a record 5 named storms in the Atlantic at once and a record western fire season already.
- for **all who suffer**; be it from the ugliness of racism and brutality; be it from the dehumanizing nature of fear; be it from the consuming and destructive power of hate.
- for **the people of Yemen**. The country has been experiencing a civil war since 2015. At least 100,000 people (at least 12,000 of them civilians) have died in the war. Cuts in international aid (including aid from the U.S.) has significantly helped cause severe shortages of food medical care, and other essentials for the people of Yemen. About 80% of the population (24 million people) need humanitarian assistance to survive. Malnutrition is a growing problem from which many children are dying. The group, *Save the Children* estimates that 85,000 children may have died between 2015 and 2018 of acute malnutrition. 20 million people need help getting enough food; 10 million are "one step away from famine." (the U.N. reports). Clean water is also a problem. The country faces the largest cholera outbreak ever recorded.
- for **the Brethren in Brazil** as they mourn the loss of Pastor Roberto Ferrante who died of COVID-19 in August. He was an important leader and will be greatly missed. Remember all in Brazil dealing with COVID-19.
- for people in **developing countries** who are dealing with COVID-19 and the food crisis the pandemic is causing. Transportation and travel restrictions are causing food shortages and high prices.
- for **farmers in Puerto Rico**. They lost their banana and plantain crops in Hurricane Maria. They had replanted, and were about to harvest when they lost their crops again to Tropical Storm Isaias. The future is very uncertain for these farmers and their families.



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