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- for **those dealing with storms, fires, flooding, earthquakes, & other disasters**. The U.S. hurricane & fire seasons continue setting records. Some areas have now been hit by 2 hurricanes in 6 weeks. Storms are getting more frequent and stronger world-wide as the climate warms.
- for all **people living with violence** and trying to deal with COVID-19. People living in war zones do not have access to the basic necessities needed to survive let alone deal with a pandemic – fresh water, adequate food, healthcare, safe shelter.
- for **all those who are refugees, especially children**. Along with all the other losses refugees face, refugee children are losing access to education more than ever due to COVID-19. Girls are suffering more than boys since, in many cultures, girls are less likely to be educated even under normal conditions. Some gains in providing education to refugee children were being made before COVID-19 hit. Many of those gains have been lost, and many girls may not be able to return to school even after COVID. This loss of education will affect people for generations.
- for **all who suffer**; from the ugliness of racism & brutality; from the dehumanizing nature of fear; or from the consuming & destructive power of hate.
- for **everyone** caught up in the fear, frustration, anger, sense of helplessness, or destructive allure of the powers that are working to divide us into warring camps instead of seeking to bring us together so we can all use our varied gifts & ideas to address the issues that confront us all for the good of everyone.



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