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- People facing famine – the UN World Food Program says some 41 million people in the world are imminent risk of famine” this year. Half a million more people are already living with famine-like conditions. The number of people at risk was declining before 2016 saw the number start climbing again. Conflict, climate change, currency depreciation, and now COVID-19 are major factors. Food scarcity, and soaring food prices are factors. Ethiopia, Madagascar, South Sudan, and Yemen are already experiencing famine-like conditions. Lebanon, Nigeria, Sudan, Venezuela, Zimbabwe, and Burkina Faso (a small country in West Africa) are also among the countries at risk. Remember, by the time a famine is actually declared, thousands of people have already died.
- Pray for **refugees, especially children**. According to the UN, at least 82.4 million people in the world have been forced to leave their homes. About half of them are children. In fact, 1 in every 95 people in the world has had to flee their home because of conflict or persecution. There are also millions of people who are stateless. These people are denied basic rights including citizenship, education, healthcare, employment, freedom of movement, decent housing, and adequate food.
- Pray for **victims of gun violence**. The number of mass shootings continue to go up. So does the number of violent attacks on people over minor disagreements
- Pray for **people dealing with COVID-19** worldwide. In the U.S. vaccinations have brought the number of COVID cases down. However, unvaccinated people are seeing an increase in cases and serious illness requiring hospitalization, especially among the young. In the world, many places are struggling to get vaccine at all in the face of the fast-spreading variants.

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