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the creative, loving, generous people you created and become destructive, mean, and greedy instead. We live only for ourselves, think only of today, and pay little heed to what our choices mean for the world around us or for the hurt we cause. Then we blame the inevitable mess that results on everyone but the one responsible – ourselves. Forgive us and help us return to you so we can become the creative, loving, generous people you created again. Amen

This week pray for:

Those dealing with the aftermath of hurricanes. Thousands are dealing with flooding, power-outages, and tornados as the storm dissipates. There are no reports yet on 6 nuclear power plants in affected areas. At least one of the numerous industrial and agricultural waste storage facilities in the area has been breached thus contaminating the environment and drinking water.

Those forced to flee their homes by violence. Many struggle to find places of safety. The current American government has ended temporary protective status (TPS) for people from most war and violence torn countries despite their need. The current American government intends not to give such help to anyone. TPS is the provision that allows people to stay in the US until it is safe for them to return home. Many of these people will probably die if they do return home under current conditions.

Pray for people who are hungry. 821 million people or 1 in 9 of the people on earth do not have enough food or water.

Pray for children in school. In 13 states, including Ohio, schools are quietly arming teachers. There are no requirements for schools to notify parents or local law enforcement that this is being done.



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