

Prayer List for September 8, 2021



- **All those dealing with hurricane Ida; other storms & flooding.** Remember the caregivers & their patients where the power is out, especially in intensive care units. Remember those who cannot return home because their areas are “uninhabitable”. Many people are being moved out of Louisiana because unlivable conditions. Remember those in the north east who were also hard hit with heavy rain, flooding, & tornadoes. A number of people died there, some after being trapped in flooded basement apartments. Children’s Disaster Services (CDS) is deploying teams to respond to Hurricane Ida. One team is on the ground in Baton Rouge, La. Now & others are standing by.
- **India** dealing with an outbreak of a “mystery fever”. Authorities have now discovered that the mysterious fever is a combination of dengue fever *and* scrub typhus. Dengue is a mosquito born virus & scrub typhus in a mite born bacteria. The combination has now killed more than 100 people. More than half of the dead are children. There is also fear of a deadly Nipah virus outbreak. Spread to people from animals, often bats, there has been one case – the death of a 12-year-old boy.
- **Spain** where extremely heavy rain lead to heavy flooding. There were no direct deaths, but property damage has been devastating & widespread. The flood waters swiped away everything in its path. Some cars were swiped into the sea.
- **The people of Afghanistan – especially the women & girls** as they face life under extreme Islamic fundamentalism & the continuing terrors of violence.
- **Afghan refugees** as they seek new homes. Children’s Disaster Services has been asked to work with Save the Children to provide child care for children at several airports where refugees are arriving in the U.S. & at some facilities where they are being taken.
- **Haiti** – people still recovering from the earthquake & tropical storm in August. Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) is working with the Haitian Church to help people affected. The storm struck an area hit be Hurricane Matthew in 2016. BDM helped in the area in 2016 too. The new church started at that time has lost their building, 90% of the homes in the area have been destroyed, people are injured; some are still missing.
- **Fires in western states.** Fires continue to burn in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, Wyoming, & Minnesota.
- **The number of COVID cases continues to climb in the U.S. & elsewhere.** Especially remember children too young to be vaccinated particularly those more vulnerable back in school. Experts fear 80% of children may get COVID because they are not protected. Outbreaks are closing some schools in Ohio & elsewhere. Remember people with no access to medical care or vaccines. Remember health workers again overwhelmed.



When we pray for the people in need in our world, we are praying for peace. Peace is not just the absence of war, it is Shalom – living in harmony with each other and with God’s creation. Shalom means health, safety, tranquility, wholeness, and rest – the welfare and prosperity of all. Praying for the needs of others is an important first step in loving people as God calls us to. Next steps include using our time, talents, and resources to help others when disaster strikes, offering comfort in times of need, and working for change when the suffering of others comes from discrimination, persecution, exploitation, or abuse. When shalom does not exist for everyone, no one is fully at peace!

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