

An Invocation Prayer:

Lord, we call out to you this day. Send your Spirit among us. Stir us up! Call us to see things through your eyes. Help us to think outside our usual boundaries to the new possibilities you have in store for us! Just as your message turned the world upside-down for those who first heard it, help us to find the courage to live out that same

message today – even if it means our world changes too! Just as you called those who first heard your Word, so you call us. Wake us up to be the instruments of your peace and presence you call us to be! Amen

This week pray for:

People recovering from natural disasters – especially those not getting the help they need in Puerto Rico where thousands are still without power, safe housing, clean water, etc. after last season's hurricane. People still dealing with the flooding in the Carolinas following hurricane Florence. Western fire victims.

Those affected by the earthquake & tsunami in Indonesia September 28th. Nearly 1,400 people were killed, many are missing, there is major destruction. The Soputan volcano erupted on the same island just after the tsunami

Gun Violence Victims – on average in the US 342 people, including 47 children, are shot <u>every day</u>. 96 of them, including 7 children die.

On-going mis-treatment of children & parents by immigration authorities at the U.S. border. Many families are fleeing violence & persecution in Central America. It's not safe to return them to their place of origin. Immigration authorities continue trying to coerce or trick people into denying their legitimate asylum claims. Many children remain separated from their parents. Many families are not being reunited.

Source: Brian Hoffman. "Refugees At Our Border: What's Going On?". ACN Who Is My Neighbor Series. Brian is one of only 3 emigration lawyers in Ohio where one of the emigration courts is located. He works with the court hear and at the border.



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