

## **Pray For Those Working to End Violence**

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Pray for those who work to improve life for people in their communities without the use of violence. Pray that world leaders will learn to solve problems peacefully. Remember those who face the daily threat of violence. Pray for the strength and wisdom we need to work together for peace between people and between nations.

### **Remember in Prayer:**

- **Victims of Gun Violence** – 32,190 people died in gun violence this year, including 1,209 children. 28,839 people have been injured including 3,281 children. There have been 496 mass shootings in 2022.
- **All those dealing with natural disasters:** drought, fires, flooding, earthquakes, & storms. A third of Pakistan is still under water from flooding. Turkey is experiencing flooding. Japan, Alaska, Florida, & the Caribbean are dealing with storms.
- **Countries Dealing with Major Political and/or Economic Upheaval** including Sri Lanka, Venezuela, the Philippines, South Africa, Nigeria, South Sudan, Myanmar, Democratic Republic of Congo, Columbia, Syria, Afghanistan. . .
- **Women & Girls** – who are treated as second class citizens in many countries including Afghanistan.
- **Ukraine where the war continues** as does hunger, the risk of epidemic disease, & the risk of nuclear disaster. At least 8 million people are still refugees outside their country.
- **The continuing COVID Pandemic.** Some states have dropped reporting requirements so official case numbers are probably low. A new vaccine booster covering current strains, is out. Long COVID is a continuing problem.



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