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- **The People of Somalia** – 44,000 children have already been admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition – that is 1 child every minute. Violence tied to the terror group al Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab, & climate change related drought, have displaced thousands of people, many of whom reach refugee camps already too weak to be saved. The U.N. predicts that by December, 40% of the country's 16 million people may be starving.
- **Puerto Rico & Dominican Republic** – continuing to recover from hurricane Fiona. It caused heavy rain, flooding, & mud slides. Many people are still without power & water.
- **Florida & all other areas impacted by hurricane Ian** – The recovery is just beginning. Pray for those affected by the storm and those trying to help them.
- **Nigeria** – continue praying for those facing Boko Haram violence & flooding from an unusually heavy rainy season.
- **The People of Haiti** – are dealing with a cholera outbreak, gang violence, & political unrest.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – 34,748 people have died in gun violence this year (up by 813 from last week), including 1,345 children (up by 48 from last week). 31,757 people have been injured (up by 687 from last week) including 3,606 children (up by 63 from last week). There have been 546 mass shootings in 2022 (up by 16 from last week).
- **Iran & Other Countries** – where the governments deny basic human rights, especially to women. People, largely led by women, are engaging in protests & acts of civil disobedience to try to change that. At least 3 young women have been killed for their peaceful protests in the last few weeks. Many more have been arrested, beaten, & sexually abused.
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- **Ukraine where the war continues** – evidence of atrocities against civilians is being discovered daily. Protests in Russia against the war continue, & there has been a mass exodus of men from Russia to avoid Russian conscription efforts. Intense Russian shelling of civilian targets is underway.
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