# Take a Moment to Pray for Peace!

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good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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**People of Yemen** — the U.S. backed economic blockade has contributed to the near total collapse of the economy there. The main employer in Yemen was the government, but the government has simply stopped paying people. Two thirds of the population cannot feed themselves. People from Somalia continue to flee to Yemen to escape the horrific situation there. The people of Yemen, however, have nowhere to go. Most of their land border is with Saudi Arabia which is the country attacking them. Most of the rest of their border is the sea which is infested by modern day pirates.

**People recovering from natural disasters** — People in Florida and elsewhere dealing with the aftermath of hurricane Michael. Brethren Disaster Ministries has childcare teams at work in Panama City, Florida. People still dealing with the aftermath and flooding in the Carolinas following hurricane Florence. Western fire victims. 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.

**The People of Haiti** — On October 6 a 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck off the northwest coast. 427 people were injured and at least 18 people died. It was Haiti's strongest earthquake since 2010. The U.N. reports damage to homes and other structures along the coast. The Eglises des Freres d'Haiti (Church of the Brethren of Haiti) has a congregation in St. Louis du Nord impacted by the earthquake. Many members were injured and lost their homes. The Brethren are at work helping after this new disaster and continue helping with the recovery from hurricane Matthew.



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