

Remember In Prayer

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- **the US Department of Homeland Security has announced “a safe and lawful way” for qualifying Haitians** as well as Cubans & Nicaraguans with US-based supporters to travel by air to & temporarily reside in the US. A release from the department said that people arriving in the US under this new process may apply for work authorization. It also announced elimination of the numerical cap for a similar process for Venezuelans. The new process began implementation on January 6. Pray for all those having to flee life threatening conditions in these countries. (CofB Newline 1-14-2023)
- **Those dealing with winter storms & cold weather** – especially those with no shelter. Remember the west coast dealing with severe flooding & mudslides; as well as those dealing with tornados in the south.
- **Iran** –peaceful protests against the extreme Islamic government, & their violent repression continues.
- **China** – New COVID cases & deaths continue to climb & overwhelm their medical system. The government is no longer reporting case or death numbers. The possibility of developing new variants with so many new cases continues to be serious.
- **Ukraine where war continues** – attacks against Ukrainian civilians are cutting power, heat, & water in the midst of winter. A major Russian attack this week on a civilian apartment building has killed more than 40 people including children.
- **Somalia** – severe food insecurity continues. Drought & violence have displaced millions.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already in January, 2,942 people have died in gun violence (up 991 from last week) including 121 children (up 52 from last week). 2,217 people have been injured (up by 719 from last week) including 284 children (up 96 people from last week). 1,650 of the deaths are suicides (up 528 from last week). There have already been 40 mass shootings (up 10 from last week) this month. (Gun Violence Archive statistics). In 2021 an estimated 4.6 million children in the U.S. were living in a home with at least one unlocked & loaded gun. 54% of guns in the U.S. are not stored safely (the National Firearm Survey).
- **The continuing COVID Pandemic & the ‘Tripleemic’** (COVID, RSV virus & flu). COVID case numbers are climbing. Cases of RSV & flue have declined. New variants, now circulating, are the most contagious yet. 2,500 people (including 90 in Ohio) are dying every day of COVID. The number of cases of strep A infection among children is also growing. **A number of diseases** (measles, polio, etc.) which have been under control or nearly eliminated are back because children are not getting their regular vaccines.



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