

This Week's Prayer Needs

- **People in the U.S. dealing with major flooding including in Florida. Also, those continuing to recover from tornados** in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia; Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas, Indiana, Missouri, & Tennessee; as well as high wind damage in Ohio.
- **Cyclone Ilsa made landfall in north-west Western Australia Wednesday.** It was a category 5 storm, the worst in a decade in the area, when it came ashore.
- **Those who are sick, homeless, hungry, abused, alone.**
- **Recovery continues After Earthquakes in Turkey/Syria, Afghanistan/Pakistan, & Ecuador/Peru**
- **Congo where there is a cholera outbreak in refugee camps**
- **Malawi, Mozambique, & Madagascar recovering from cyclone Freddy.** The death toll in Malawi is now 1,000. 2 million people have been affected there with half a million of them displaced. Mozambique is dealing with a growing cholera outbreak.
- **Around the world, thousands of people are fleeing their homes due to political crisis & violence – As of 2022 there were some 103 million people forcibly displaced (people forced out of their home countries). There were 53.2 million internally displaced people (in 2021).**
- **Victims of Gun Violence –** Already this year, 11,881 people have died in gun violence (up 942 from last week) including 490 children (up 46 from last week). 9,113 people have been injured (up 766 from last week) including 1,170 children (up 108 from last week). 6,798 of the deaths are suicides (up 528 from last week). There have already been 149 mass shootings (up 9 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive statistics). There are, on average, 1.5 mass shootings every day in the U.S. No other developed country has anything like the gun violence seen in the U.S.
- **Ukraine where the war, now over a year old, continues.**
- **The continuing COVID Pandemic –** COVID is still a serious issue. While vaccines & treatments have reduced COVID death rates, COVID continues to spread. (The number of new cases is down in most of the U.S., but increasing in some other countries. A new virus subvariant is now dominant, & yet another is beginning to spread.)

