

Pray For Peace



- **Serbia** – 2 mass shootings (which are rare in Serbia) in 2 days have led to massive peaceful protests against gun violence & calls for reform after the way the government handled the shootings. Thousands have turned in guns as a demonstration of their desire to end gun violence.
- **Haiti** – the situation there continues to get worse. Much of the country, especially the capital, is under gang control. The gangs use fear, intimidation & violence, including rape to ‘control’ territory. Women & girls are particularly at risk. One third of the women & girls in Haiti have been sexually assaulted or raped by gang members.
- **Syria** – 12 years of war there continue. Half a million people have died. Some estimates are that at least 55,000 more civilians have been tortured to death by government forces.
- **Sudan** – 2 military groups are fighting for control of the country. The violence is cutting food & other essential services for many. Hundreds of thousands of people are displaced by the fighting. Many foreign nationals have gotten help getting out. Hundreds of thousands of Sudanese have also fled Sudan, but the rest are trapped, many without food or water & under constant bombardment, especially in the capital.
- **Ukraine where the war continues.** Attacks on civilians & atrocities against them, especially by the Russian private Wagner group mercenaries are ongoing.
- **Nigeria** – the threat of violence continues. The Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) is targeting Christian pastors. Boko Haram remains a threat. Continuing violence by herders has resulted in nearly 100 gruesome murders in recent weeks.
- **The Tigray region of Ethiopia** – where at least 600,000 people have died in 3 years of war. The actual numbers could be much higher. The conflict has been marked by atrocious war crimes & extreme brutality on all sides including torture, ethnic cleansing, murder, sexual violence, & restricting food supplies to cause starvation. Peace efforts have brought some respite from the violence, but the situation is by no means resolved. Be with the people as they try to find a way to make peace work.
- **Myanmar & Bangladesh** – cyclone Mocha has caused major devastation. Many affected are already in refugee camps because they are fleeing violence.
- **Around the world, millions of people flee their homes due to political crisis & violence** – 103 million have fled their home countries; 53.2 million are displaced in their home countries
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 16,680 people have died in gun violence (up 862 from last week) including 704 children (up 40 from last week). 13,587 people have been injured (up 792 from last week) including 1,731 children (up 103 from last week). 9,438 of the deaths are suicides (up 462 from last week). There have already been 238 mass shootings (up 13 from last week). (Gun Violence Archive statistics).
- **Canada** – where 200 wildfires are burning in the west. The smoke is affecting air quality in the U.S. as well.
- **Rwanda** where there was major rain & flooding May 2-3. Many homes, infrastructure, food stores & crops were destroyed. Brethren Disaster Ministries has sent funds to help with relief efforts. Uganda was also affected.
- **Congo** – hundreds of thousands are still recovering from flooding. A cholera outbreak in refugee camps & surrounding communities continues.
- **Italy** – major flooding
- **Turkey** – people are still suffering & trying to recover from February’s major earthquake there.
- **Those dealing with COVID** – continue to remember those who are dealing with COVID, including long COVID.