

## ***Prayers Are Needed***



- **Myanmar** – people are still trying to recover from the strongest cyclone to ever to impact the country which did its damage May 14<sup>th</sup>. Human Rights Watch reports that the government has turned this natural disaster into a man-made catastrophe by cutting off access to affected areas so that help & outside aid cannot reach the people who need it. Part of the reason is that many of the people in the worst impacted areas are from the Muslim Rohingya community. The government denies them citizenship in their home country. The affected area is in the poorest part of the country. There are also reports that some of the aid that has been sent is being sold to earn money for the military.
- **Chili** – is experiencing the worst flooding they have had in a decade following days of heavy rain. Many towns across the country are cut off as rivers overflow. Many people have lost everything.
- **Countries experiencing excessive heat** – including Mexico, India & China as well as Texas in the U.S. Some temperatures are over 100 degrees. In Texas the excessive heat has been around for more than three weeks. The situation there is made worst by the fact that thousands in the region have spent days without power due to recent storms. The Texas Power grid is struggling to handle the surge. Much of the world is facing warmer than usual temperatures & ocean waters are also unusually warm for this time of year.
- **Canada** – so far, the fire season there has been horrific & broken all records. Currently there are 490 fires burning in the country. 255 of them are considered out of control. A quarter of the fires are in Quebec causing the evacuation of some 4,400 people. The smoke is continuing to reach the U.S. & raise health concerns. The smoke has also reached Europe, though it is not causing health concerns there yet because it is high in the atmosphere.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 21,051 people have died in gun violence (up 1,007 from week) including 889 children (up 44 from last week). 18,047 people have been injured (up 893 from last week) including 2,322 children (up 114 from last week). 11,814 of the deaths are suicides (up 528 from last week). There have already been 331 mass shootings (up 12 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive statistics).
- **Ukraine where the war continues.** Attacks on civilians & atrocities against them, seem to be intensifying as Putin attempts to save face after the Wagner group mercenaries turned on him this week.
- **Peru** – a dengue fever outbreak there continues with more than 130,000 cases.
- **Refugees across the world** – Church World Service reports that every 2 seconds, someone in the world has to leave their home & everything they know due to the threat of violence, persecution, or disaster.