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- **Sudan** – the civil war there is 4 years old. Especially in the Darfur region, rebels are trying to eliminate all non-Arabs from the country. Healthcare workers & facilities are targeted, leaving healthcare difficult to come by. Women face the constant threat of sexual violence. Attacks on civilians are the norm. Efforts to protect the innocent, are weak or lacking. 400,000 people have fled the country to escape the war. The U.N. is investigating possible genocide there.
- **Congo:** The humanitarian situation in eastern Congo has deteriorated dramatically in the last 18 months due to ongoing violence. Fighting over mineral rights is tearing the country apart as armed groups seek control & the prophets to be had in this resource rich region. Women & girls are subjected to sexual violence on a massive scale. 26 million people are starving. 5.5 million have been forced from their homes. The Congo is the second poorest country in the world.
- **Continue to remember those dealing with COVID** – including long COVID. There is currently a surge in cases & several new variants. The number of cases & hospitalizations has been climbing more every week since mid-July. Some schools have closed & returned to on-line classes. Some places are calling for mask use again.
- **People Facing Flooding or storms** – Greece, Turkey, & Bulgaria are dealing with torrential rain which is causing havoc. Some have died. Those recovering from hurricane Idalia; those facing flooding in Austria; those effected by hurricane Hilary. The American North East is also experiencing major flooding. Many people are still recovering from earlier flooding including in Pakistan, Japan, India, the Philippines, China, & elsewhere.
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- **Refugees & Migrants across the world** – Remember migrants so desperate to escape dangerous situations that they fall prey to human traffickers who put profit before the lives & safety of migrants.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 30,356 people have died in gun violence (up 809 from last week) including 1,249 children (up 28 from last week). 26,573 people have been injured (up 579 from last week) including 3,379 children (up 58 from last week). 16,896 of the deaths are suicides (up 462 from last week). There have already been 498 mass shootings (up 10 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive statistics).



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