

Pray!



- **Nigeria** – Some good news: 16 of the 24 female students kidnapped September 22 were freed 3 days later in a rescue operation. However, the whereabouts of the rest & of the 60 people taken on the 24th is not known. 5 more female students were abducted on the 27th. In another incident in northwestern Nigeria. Kidnapping for ransom is a major problem in Nigeria.
- **Libya** – recovery is ongoing after flooding caused by heavy rain & dam failures.
- **Azerbaijan, Sudan, Congo, Myanmar, & elsewhere** where minority populations are facing persecution & possible genocide.
- **Morocco** – still recovering from the earthquake there.
- **Continue to remember those dealing with COVID** – The number of cases & hospitalizations has been climbing higher every week since mid-July.
- **Ukraine. The war continues.** Attacks & atrocities against civilians are ongoing.
- **Women & girls** – in many places, including the Congo, Afghanistan, Sudan, Nigeria, Pakistan, India, & in most places where there is violence, women & girls face the threat of rape & sexual violence as a part of war; as a tool of political suppression; or as religious abuse. Women are regularly stripped of their rights including education, & the ability to work. Women struggle to get healthcare. Cases of forced marriage, sexual abuse, & domestic violence are climbing in many places. When the rights & health of women are threatened, the welfare of their families & societies also suffers.
- **Refugees & Migrants** – Remember people so desperate to escape dangerous situations that they fall prey to human traffickers who put profit before the lives & safety of desperate people. There are 108.4 million forcibly displaced people in the world. 40% of them are children. 35.3 million of them are refugees. 1.9 million children are born as refugees. 76% of all refugees are hosted in low- & middle-income countries.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 32,825 people have died in gun violence (up 840 from last week) including 1,335 children (up 33 from last week). 28,635 people have been injured (up 774 from last week) including 3,601 children (up 78 from last week). 18,282 of the deaths are suicides (up 462 from last week). There have already been 532 mass shootings (up 13 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive).
- **People Facing or Recovering from flooding, storms, or fires** – including Greece, Turkey, & Bulgaria, Hawaii, the U.S. northeast, Canada, northern Africa, Europe, Louisiana, Pakistan, Japan, India, the Philippines, China, & Austria.
- **Haiti** – is still torn apart by Gangs that control 80% of Port-au-Prince (the capital), & much of the country, with fear, intimidation & violence, causing 200,000 people to flee their homes. Civilian vigilantes have tried to stop the gangs, by killing suspected gang members. The U.N. has agreed to send a security mission – police officers – to Haiti to help local police restore order. However, some Haitian police are themselves compromised. Also, nearly half of the Haitian people are hungry because of gang disruption of the food supply.