

Pray For Peace!

Pray that the current conflicts will not be expanded to put more people in harm's way. Pray for the violence to stop. Pray that all parties will see everyone involved as people like themselves and treat everyone with the respect, dignity and empathy they want for themselves. Pray that people will be able to let go of their anger and not let their frustration, fear, and hurt overwhelm them. Pray that all those involved in current conflicts will have the courage to change course and truly seek peace and justice.



Pray For:

- **The Middle East** where Israel & Hamas are now at war. Civilians are bearing the worst of the violence, from the initial Hamas attacks on Israel to the ongoing Israeli attacks on Palestinians in Gaza.
- **Nigeria** yet another attack in western Nigeria has left homes burned, 3 dead, several injured, & at least 50 men, women, & children kidnapped. Armed gangs continue to control much of the northwest. In the northeast, Islamist insurgents (Boko Haram etc.) continue attacks; gangs & separatists attack government targets in the southeast; deadly clashes between farmers & herders continue in central Nigeria. Kidnapping for ransom is rampant.
- **Ukraine. The war continues.** Attacks & atrocities against civilians are ongoing.
- **Afghanistan** experiencing more earthquakes this week.
- **Azerbaijan, Sudan, Congo, Myanmar, & elsewhere** where minority populations face persecution & possible genocide.
- **Continue to remember those dealing with COVID** – The number of cases & hospitalizations is climbing in some areas & steady in others.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 34,465 people have died in gun violence (up 888 from last week) including 1,379 children (up 20 from last week). 29,872 people have been injured (up 618 from last week) including 3,742 children (up 69 from last week). 19,272 of the deaths are suicides (up 528 from last week). There have already been 552 mass shootings (up 10 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive).
- **Refugees & Migrants** – 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 that struggle to help them. 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. Remember refugees who have no safe place to go.