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.
- **Ukraine. The war continues.** Attacks & atrocities against civilians are ongoing.
- **Haiti –** the crisis in Haiti is continuing & grave. Gang violence is growing worse. Much of the country is living in fear because of gang intimidation & violence. 2 million people, including 1.6 million women & children live in gang-controlled areas where murder, assault, & sexual violence are common. Half the population needs help including 3 million children. There is an ongoing cholera outbreak. Malnutrition in its most serious form, especially effecting children is grave and growing worse.
- **Continue to remember those dealing with COVID –** The number of cases & hospitalizations is climbing in some areas & steady in others.
- **Victims of Gun Violence –** this past weekend was a deadly one because of gun violence. There were 13 mass shootings from Friday through Sunday in which a total of 12 people died & 79 people were injured. Already this year, 35,850 people have died in gun violence (up 433 from last week) including 1,434 children (up 20 from last week). 31,137 people have been injured (up 417 from last week) including 3,909 children (up 75 from last week). 20,064 of the deaths are suicides (up 264 from last week). There have already been 584 mass shootings (up 17 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive).