

Pray For Peace!

- **The Middle East.** the Israel & Hamas war continues. Civilians are still bearing the worst of the violence. The civilian death toll in Gaza is over 13,300 with 234,000 homes damaged & 46,000 destroyed. Remember the ceasefire for the release of hostages & prisoners from both sides & remember those still being held as well as all the families affected. In London, bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families will march together as part of an anti-hate vigil on Sunday. There are many people on both sides who have lost loved ones, who do not want their grief & loss to be used to fuel more hate & violence. Lift their efforts to promote peaceful solutions in prayer.
- **Ukraine. The war continues.** Attacks & atrocities against civilians are ongoing. Attacks on civilian targets in Odesa & elsewhere have damaged many homes as winter approaches. Russia's alliance with North Korea & Iran is providing military supplies to Russia that may expand the war. The shifting of media attention to the Middle east, has made the situation in Ukraine more difficult.
- **Ethiopia, Kenya & Somalia** where flooding killed 130 people. 370,000+ people in Ethiopia, have lost homes to flooding. Elsewhere in Ethiopia, there is drought, made worse by 2 years of civil war. As many as 500,000 people may have died of hunger before the war ended, & people are still dying. The UN & U.S. have suspended aid to Ethiopia over claims that the aid is not reaching those in need. . .
- **India** – where 41 construction workers have been trapped underground for more than 2 weeks. All 41 were rescued on Tuesday after 17 days. Rejoice with them!
- **Cholera Outbreak in Zimbabwe** – a state of emergency has been declared
- **Continue to remember those dealing with COVID** – The number of cases & hospitalizations is climbing in some areas more than others. Cases of flu & the RSV virus are also climbing. A spike in cases of all 3 will likely follow the holiday. Cases of whooping cough are also rising because people have not kept up with vaccines.
- **Haiti** – The gang violence crisis is growing worse. 2 million people, including 1.6 million women & children live in gang-controlled areas where murder, assault, & sexual violence are common.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** –Already this year, 39,024 people have died in gun violence (up 722 from last week) including 1,553 children (up 29 from last week). 33,482 people have been injured (up 509 from last week) including 4,205 children (up 64 from last week). 21,846 of the deaths are suicides (up 396 from last week). There have already been 619 mass shootings (up 8 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive).
- **Nigeria** Boko Haram is attacking farms (more than 100 so far) and stealing the harvest leaving the farmers with nothing. More churches are being attacked and people killed. Many people are sleeping in the bush because their homes are not safe.

