

Take a  
Moment to  
Pray for  
Peace!



### An Invocation Prayer:

Lord, we gather together in your presence this day. Help us to center our minds on you. May the time we spend with our Brothers and Sisters in this place be melting and molding time – time for us to prepare ourselves afresh for the work of your spirit within us. Let us strive anew to be the instruments of your peace and

presence for all those in your family of faith and for the world into which you call us to serve. Amen

(can be followed with the Hymn “Spirit of the Living God”, page 349 in *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Brethren Press. 1992)

### ***This week in your prayer time:***

- **Families and children seeking asylum** – their need to flee has not changed. Neither has the abuse they must endure when they seek help in the U.S. The current U.S. administration is working to severely limit the number of refugees that can come into the U.S. Their goal is not to let any refugees into the country at all. The Church of the Brethren’s Office of Peacebuilding and Policy has issued an action alert on this matter. Find it at <https://mailchi.mp/brethren/solidarity-with-refugees>. John L. McCullough, head of Church World Service, has said that the current administration’s plans, if carried out, will cut the life line for thousands of refugee families. “It will destabilize key allies and destroy what is left of our nation’s moral example. It will annihilate the vital infrastructure and support services that the United States has taken decades to build. . .”\_“This tragic decision is an affront to people of faith and people of conscience across the nation who have dedicated their lives and opened their communities to refugee families. The refugee resettlement program was built by communities of faith who sought to respond with compassion to the world’s worst displacement crises.” (Newsline Sept. 28, 2019)
- **October 2** is the International Day of Non-Violence. Pray for people who face violence every day. Seek ways you can make a difference and help stop the cycle of violence that affects everyone.  
(Mohandas Gandhi, who lead the peaceful movement that resulted in India’s independence from Britain, was born on October 2 in 1869, 150 years ago. He was influenced by the teachings of Jesus, and his practical peacemaking has influenced peace movements around the world including Martin Luther King and the American Civil Rights Movement.)
- **Nigeria** – where people continue to live with violence and work to deal with its aftermath.
- **Those affected by gun violence & those affected by acts of terror.**
- **Hurricane Victims** – continue to remember them, in the Bahamas & those still suffering in Puerto Rico. More people died after the Puerto Rico storm than during it because of the U.S. government emergency response was so bad.

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