

## ***Pray Always***

- **People Facing Flooding or storms** – heavy rain is causing flooding in many places. Just now, remember the people in Japan & India as well as those in New York state and Vermont in the U.S. Many people are still recovering from earlier flooding including in Pakistan.
- **Countries experiencing excessive heat** – Much of the world is facing warmer than usual temperatures including Mexico, India, China, northern Africa, & the U.S. June was the hottest June on record with many triple digit temperatures. Unusually warm ocean water contributes to the problem & is killing coral reefs.
- **Fires are devastating the Mediterranean** - parts of Europe (including Greece) & North Africa are affected. There have been at least 40 deaths.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 24,437 people have died in gun violence (up 663 from week) including 1,026 children (up 24 from last week). 21,447 people have been injured (up 646 from last week) including 2,767 children (up 79 from last week). 13,596 of the deaths are suicides (up 330 from last week). There have already been 409 mass shootings (up 17 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive statistics).
- **Canada** – so far, the fire season there has been horrific & broken all records. The smoke is again raising health concerns in Canada, & the U.S. It is likely the problem will be around all summer. There are fires in the American west as well.
- **Ukraine where the war continues.** Attacks on civilians & atrocities against them, continue.
- **Refugees & Migrants across the world** – Especially remember migrants who are so desperate to escape dangerous situations that they fall prey to human traffickers who put profit before life & safety. Traffickers endanger migrants in unsafe boats, & trucks, etc. using unsafe land routes without adequate water, food, or protection. Last week, more than 600 migrants, trying to reach the U.S., were rescued by Mexican authorities after they were abandoned in semi-trailers by human traffickers. Men, women, & children were locked in the trailers in the extreme heat (trailers were modified so x-raying them would not reveal their contents). Some were “medicated” to make them easier to handle. Other migrants were found after being abandoned in the desert.

