

Prayers Are Needed



- **People Facing Flooding** – very heavy rain is causing flooding in many places in the world. Right now, remember the people in Japan & India as well as those in New York state and Vermont in the U.S. where the flooding has been devastating.
- **Countries experiencing excessive heat** – including Mexico, India, China, northern Africa, & the U.S. June was the hottest June on record with temperatures well over 100 degrees in many places. Much of the world is facing warmer than usual temperatures & ocean waters are also unusually warm for this time of year. This contributes to the problem on land.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 23,774 people have died in gun violence (up 838 from week) including 1,002 children (up 33 from last week). 20,801 people have been injured (up 800 from last week) including 2,688 children (up 108 from last week). 13,266 of the deaths are suicides (up 462 from last week). There have already been 392 mass shootings (up 17 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive statistics). The numbers are a bit lower in all categories than last week.
- **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. & Europe. It is likely the problem will be around all summer.
- **Ukraine where the war continues.** Attacks on civilians & atrocities against them, continue.
- **Refugees across the world** – Church World Service reports that every 2 seconds, someone in the world has to leave their home & everything they know due to the threat of violence, persecution, or disaster. Especially remember those who are so desperate to escape their dangerous situations that they fall prey to human traffickers who are concerned only with profit, not in the safety of the refugees who's lives they endanger in unsafe boats, & other means of transport, or with unsafe land routes without adequate water, food, etc.
- **Haiti** – where people continue to recover from recent storms & deal with the political instability & violence that grips the country. Many Haitian Brethren ministries have had to move north where it is a bit safer & more stable.