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I can feel the suffering of millions

By Anne Frank

I can feel the suffering of millions
and yet, if I look up into the heavens,
I think it will all come right,
and that this cruelty too will end,
and that peace and tranquility will return
again.

In the meantime,
I must uphold my ideals,
for perhaps the time will come
when I shall be able to carry them out.

From The Diary of Anne Frank
US Catholic Wednesday Morning Prayer.

The prayer of Anne Frank seems to resonate in these days when violence overwhelms us.

To take action vs. Gun Violence: We're asking our Representatives to reject two NRA priority bills in Congress:

- (1) the SHARE Act, which would make it easy for felons and domestic abusers to *buy gun silencers*; and
- (2) "Concealed Carry Reciprocity," which would *gut your state's gun laws* and force your state to accept the weaker concealed carry standards of other states.

Join Everytown Gun Safety and Americans across the country in calling Congress and asking them to reject bad gun bills. [Text REJECT to 644-33 and connect to your Member of Congress today.](#) (copy and paste the link into your browser)

TPA-Temporary Protected Assistance Is Running Out for Persons Seeking Protection from Violence

Persons seeking protection from violence in designated countries are permitted to apply for TPA for a limited period of time. Time is running out for persons from several countries. Deadlines for the Administration to extend relief are coming quickly. Nov. 6 is the deadline for persons from Honduras and Nicaragua; Nov. 23 is the date for persons from Haiti. These decisions will affect thousands of people and their families. I visited Honduras last December, and saw it is imperative that persons fleeing that country continue to receive protection. If they are forced to return their lives are in danger!

Phyllis, SSJ Justice Office

TPS National Week of Action is Oct. 22-27.

The Catholic Legal Network urges each of us to call our Congress person to urge that these deadlines be extended and a permanent solution be established to protect TPS holders. Here is the message:

Tell Congress to Support TPS Holders (202) 224-3121

Call 3 x, for your 2 Senators and 1 Representative)
“I’m your constituent from (City, State) and I stand in solidarity with immigrant neighbors. I support Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and strongly oppose any attempts to terminate or curtail this program. TPS is designed to protect people from being returned to harm and is extended based on country conditions. There are about 330,000 people from 10 different countries who are in the US through TPS. They are able to pursue their dreams and raise their families in safety. Some have been here many years and more than 70% have US citizen siblings or children.

Prayers are requested for Gilberto: an undocumented worker who was picked up as a passenger in a car that was stopped because the driver was not wearing a seat belt. Gilberto, a passenger was wearing a seat belt. The State Trooper questioned him and asked for his ID (in violation of an Executive Memorandum from Governor Cuomo in 2014). He was subsequently taken to headquarters and turned over to ICE. This man has a family of three citizen children. He is a respected person and worker in his local community. On Monday he faces another court date. It is likely that he may face deportation because in our flawed legal system, re-entry to the US when you are once deported is an automatic felony. **Please pray for and take action on behalf of undocumented immigrants.**

REACH OUT TO OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

The House of Mercy's new and expanded shelter in Rochester has already expanded beyond its limits. Negotiations are underway for expanded shelter space. The 2017 Point in Time Count of the homeless discovered that at least 65 persons were not sheltered at that time.

REACH will open an expanded shelter on November 15 but volunteer assistance and donations are needed. The shelter will be open from Nov. 15—April 18, 2018. Cost to run the program is 80,000. Donations are badly needed!

To Donate by Check: FLACE/REACH Advocacy
PO Box 10845, Rochester, NY 14610
or donations may be deposited directly to our FLACE/REACH Advocacy account. Click the online link at: <http://reachrochester.wixsite.com/reach/donations> All donations are tax deductible.

To volunteer: <http://reachrochester.wixsite.com/reach/volunteers>

HELP CFC PROVIDE HELP

Catholic Family Center is seeking new or gently used winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens of all sizes and all genders. Your donation will help keep someone warm this winter. **Donations may be dropped off at 87 N Clinton, Mon-Fri between 9 am and 4pm. Please call Claudia Gill at 262-7044 with any questions.**

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Coming Events

Sunday, Oct. 22—Pachamama Alliance presents an Introduction to the Paul Hawken project

PROJECT DRAWDOWN—Moving forward on reversing climate change

Sunday, October 22, 2017 6-8 p.m.

St. Monica's Church,

831 Genesee Street, Rochester

RSVP <http://www.pachamama.org/workshop/3760/IntroductiontoDrawDow>

Jewish and Muslim Relations: Past, Present, and Future

When: Thursday, October 26th from 7-8:30PM

Where: Nazareth College, Arts Center, A 14

Speaker: Dr. Reuven Firestone will be giving a talk on Muslim and Jewish relations. Dr. Firestone is a Regenstein Professor in Medieval Judaism and Islam at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and Affiliate Professor of Religion at the University of Southern California. In addition, he is the author of *An Introduction to Islam for Jews*, *Children of Abraham: An Introduction to Judaism for Muslims*, and many other books. **Free and Open to the Public- Parking is available at A parking lot**

ROCLA – Rochester Committee on Latin America presents:
Special Guest Speaker, Daniella Burgi-Palomino,
Senior Associate, Latin American Working Group
Migration, Human Rights and Impunity
in Mexico and Central America:

U.S. Responses under the Trump Administration

Wednesday, November 1, 7 PM,

Downtown Presbyterian Church, 121 North Fitzhugh St.

Ms. Burgi-Palomino will explain the impacts of the Administration's anti-immigrant and anti-refugee policies on migrants and refugees from Mexico and Central America, discuss the human rights crisis on the ground in these countries and illuminate the threats of U.S. foreign policies to the region.