

21 Prayers and Decrees to Bind the Spirit of Violence

Cities across the United States broke all-time homicide records in 2021 as the spirit of violence continues raging in America and beyond.

According to CNN, at least nine major cities have broken their previous annual homicide records. As of late December, the network reports, there have been 513 homicides this year in Philadelphia, higher than the previous total of 503 in 1990. There have been 230 homicides in Indianapolis, breaking the previous record of 215 set just last year.

Other cities with record homicide totals include Louisville, Kentucky; Columbus, Ohio; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Tucson, Arizona; Rochester, New York; and Portland, Oregon, CNN reports. Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Nashville are also on pace to reach record homicide numbers. Nations with the highest murder rates include El Salvador, Jamaica, Honduras, Belize, South Africa, Lesotho, Brazil, Saint Lucia, Guatemala and Dominica.

Of course, murder is not the only violent crime being tracked. The FBI reports a violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Nations with the highest rape rates include South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Bermuda, Sweden, Suriname, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Grenada and Saints Kitts and Nevis.

We are living in a time like unto the days of Noah, described in Genesis 6:11-12 (NKJV): "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth." Remember, Jesus said, "But

as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matt. 24:37).

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