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We write as the authors of <u>Theology en la Plaza</u> — en conjunto, united in prophetic rage and graced by the resilience of nuestra gente. As preachers and teachers and theologians, words are our business and so we pay critical attention to the role of the incendiary language that fueled the latest destructive incarnation of hate at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

The <u>number of inmates awaiting trial in Nigerian</u> prisons has risen from 62% of the prison population in 2000 to nearly 70%. The total prison population in 2000 stood at 44,450 but has risen to 73,248. The institute adds that the population of women prisoners within the period rose from 709, representing 1.9% in 2000, to 1,520, or 2.1% in 2019.

It's one thing to speak truth to power. But sometimes, it's much more daunting to speak truth to each other. Do we know how to create inclusive processes of truthful illumination and contemplative discernment in parish councils, church-reform conferences and beyond?

The mass shootings in Gilroy, California; El Paso, Texas; and Dayton, Ohio, have prompted women religious across the country to demand specific action to curb gun

violence.

As Democratic candidates discuss "free college," they need to remember that <u>not</u> everyone goes on to four-year or even two-year programs after high school.

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