

World Refugee Day Prayer Guide

Every June 20th we mark World Refugee Day to honour the strength and courage of refugees: the 80 million displaced people who have fled their homes due to war, violence and persecution. We also invite you to use this day as a prompt towards prayer.



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Start by praying for **countries affected by war and terror**. Today's most affected countries are Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan and Myanmar. We pray for these complicated conflicts, for those fighting and terrorizing, and ultimately we have the audacity to pray for peace on earth.

“I love meeting people from so many different countries and cultures, but sometimes I stop and ask God: ‘Why are there so MANY countries where a family can not live in peace?’”

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Pray for the **“in between places”**: About 25% of refugees live in camps, while a majority live in city centres. We pray for food, for security, for human rights, and for every provision as millions wait in limbo.

“In the refugee camp, there were no guns, but there was also no food.”

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Pray for the unique **internal battles, stressors, grief and trauma** that refugees face. We pray for healing and peace in the darkest and deepest places of the soul.

“I often wake up with tears on my pillow - the memories haunt my dreams.”

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Pray for **refugees starting their new lives in Canada**. We pray for the journey of starting again: for language, jobs, housing, relationships, and connection with God through Christians. Pray for organizations like New Hope who are committed to welcoming and supporting refugees.

“Canada is sometimes good and sometimes bad. God is always good.”

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Pray for **refugee children**. Globally, half of refugees are under age 18. We think of parents who have taken extremely sacrificial risks for the sake of their children, and we pray over these precious kids' futures.

“When I see their happy faces at Kids' Club, I know everything that we went through was worth it.”

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

2 Thessalonians 3:16