

30 Days of Prayer for Refugees

Each year, World Refugee Day calls us to remember the more than 120 million people around the globe who have been forcibly displaced from their homes. As followers of Christ, we are invited to respond with both compassion and action.

This 30-Day Prayer Guide has been designed to help us align our hearts with God's heart for the foreigner. Each day offers a focused prayer theme based on World Relief's vision statement and a scripture passage – inviting you to intercede not only for the physical needs of refugees but also for healing, justice, restoration, and hope.

Together, let us stand in prayerful solidarity with our displaced brothers and sisters around the world. **Let us be the church.**

We envision thriving, welcoming communities

June 1 | Peace and stability for communities experiencing conflict and disaster

Jeremiah 22:3

This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.

June 2 | Dignity and hope for people on the move

Leviticus 19:33-34

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

June 3 | Provision for host communities

Romans 12:13

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

June 4 | Unity and understanding for host communities and Internally Displaced Persons

Leviticus 24:22

You are to have the same law for the foreigner and the native-born. I am the Lord your God.

June 5 | For the church to lead the way globally in being welcoming communities

1 Peter 2:11-12

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

where **families flourish,**

June 6 | Strong marriages

Mark 10:9

Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

June 7 | Healthy children

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

June 8 | Protection and peace

Deuteronomy 10:18-19

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

June 9 | Access to education and livelihoods

Deuteronomy 24:14

Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether that worker is a fellow Israelite or a foreigner residing in one of your towns.

June 10 | Healing and wholeness

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

and **people experience restorative relationships with God,**

June 11 | Knowing God's nearness in suffering

Job 29:16

*I was a father to the needy;
I took up the case of the stranger.*

June 12 | Encounter with God's love and presence

Psalms 146:9

*The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.*

June 13 | Faith that endures

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ

June 14 | Community and Belonging in the Body of Christ

Numbers 15:15-16

The community is to have the same rules for you and for the foreigner residing among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. You and the foreigner shall be the same before the Lord: The same laws and regulations will apply both to you and to the foreigner residing among you.

June 15 | Hope for the future through God's promises

Ephesians 2:14-18

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

their neighbors,

June 16 | Welcoming and compassionate neighbors

Luke 10:36-37

Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

June 17 | Opportunities for genuine connection

Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

June 18 | Mutual understanding and respect

Exodus 12:49

The same law applies both to the native-born and to the foreigner residing among you.

June 19 | Reconciliation where tensions exist

Zechariah 7:10

Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.

June 20 | Shared flourishing in community

Deuteronomy 24:19

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

themselves,

June 21 | Healing from trauma and loss

Psalms 94:6-7

*They slay the widow and the foreigner;
they murder the fatherless.
They say, "The Lord does not see;
the God of Jacob takes no notice."*

June 22 | Renewed purpose and identity in Christ

Genesis 1:27-28

*So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

June 23 | Freedom from fear, anxiety, and despair

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

June 24 | Confidence to dream again

Acts 17:26-27

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

June 25 | Joy and peace in the midst of uncertainty

John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

and all of creation

June 26 | Access to clean and nourishing resources

Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in

June 27 | A sense of belonging in a new land

Exodus 22:21

Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

June 28 | Land to cultivate and steward

Jeremiah 29:5-7

Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

June 29 | Protection from environmental harm

Jeremiah 7:5-7

If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever.

June 30 | Awareness of God's presence in creation

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

*"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."*