

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

PRAY. Use this Guide to continue to pray for refugees; go to unitethechurch.org/ap4c for additional Prayer Guides about other ongoing issues. Pray about how you might be able to help.

Also pray about these **next steps**:

LEARN.

- Find more information and resources, including a suggested model of engaging and serving refugee families, at unitethechurch.org/care-for-refugees. Go to unitethechurch.org to learn about ongoing needs, opportunities, and assets.

SERVE. What Do They Need?

- Go to www.seekingpeace.org for information on how to help refugees by transforming relationships, building capacity, and providing education.
- Full list of known Vickery Meadow programs in the “Vickery Meadow” section at unitethechurch.org/dallas-county
- Volunteer with the Refugee Highway Partnership at www.refugeehighway.net
- Find additional volunteer opportunities at www.volvy.org

TELL. Tell your friends, family, and co-workers about these needs and opportunities. Look at the resources above so you’re ready to share helpful information with others as God puts it on your heart.



REFUGEE FAMILIES PRAYER GUIDE

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come, and the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, “Let us go at once to entreat the Lord and seek the Lord Almighty. I myself am going.” And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord Almighty and to entreat him.’ This is what the Lord Almighty says: “In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.’” Zechariah 8:20-23

This AP4C guide focuses on **Care for Refugee Families**.

Over 60 million people have been forced to flee their homes, cities, and countries due to persecution and other forms of violent conflict. In 2016, the US welcomed nearly 85,000 refugees. Roughly 72% of those refugees were women and children. The Dallas-Fort Worth area receives more refugees than any other city in the U.S. (approximately 2,700 in 2015). Reasons include low cost of living, stronger overall economy, and our public transit system.

Disclaimer:

We recognize the role of government to protect our citizens, so we are not advocating for any particular policy regarding refugees coming into our country. This Prayer Guide has been put together to help our city care for any and all refugees who are here now or who will come.

Please prepare your heart before you begin to pray through the AP4C categories, so that these Scriptures and your time with God can renew your heart for our Metroplex.

All Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, NIV translation.



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SALVATION

“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...And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’” Revelation 7:9-10

- Praise God for bringing the nations to us—many who have never had the opportunity to hear about Him.
- Ask God to bring into our paths people from other countries who are eager to know Him and for the boldness to share His love and the good news of the Gospel with these refugees.
- Pray that God will guide refugees to salvation despite their circumstances.
- Ask God to use refugees who accept the Good News here to reach their loved ones in their home countries.
- Continue to pray for the salvation of people within your sphere of influence.

THE CHURCH

“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, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Matthew 25:35-36

- Pray for Christians to lead the way in caring for and meeting the needs of the refugees in our city.
- Praise God for the many Christians dedicated to caring for and empowering refugee families.
- Pray about how God wants to use you in ministering to refugees.
- Pray for the many churches primarily made up of refugee peoples. Pray for their pastors as they minister to their congregation.
- Pray about the fear in our country because of this issue and for compassion for those in fear.

OUR COMMUNITIES

“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.” Leviticus 19:33-34

- Pray for God to raise up people to fill the voids that exist in refugee care in our cities.
- Pray for the refugee families:
 - ♦ Living in your neighborhood
 - ♦ At your school or on your sports teams
 - ♦ At your workplace
 - ♦ At restaurants and other places you frequently visit
- Pray for opportunities to befriend refugee families.

TRANSFORMATION

“but no stranger had to spend the night in the street, for my door was always open to the traveler.” Job 31:32

- Pray for unity and wisdom that will lead to long-term transformation.
- Pray for businesses to hire refugees, giving them opportunities to apply their skills and untapped potential.
- Pray for the extreme situations in other countries (war, persecution, terrorism, and natural disasters) that are creating some of the largest refugee populations in history.
- Pray for our leaders as they develop and implement policies regarding refugees.