

September 2022: Prayer for Refugees

Pause

Before we pray, let's take a minute to quiet our hearts and minds to prepare to speak to God together.

Reflect

Leviticus 19:9-10 says: "When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the Lord your God."

Today, we're going to pray for refugees. A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of war, violence or persecution, often without warning.

Dr. Russell Moore wrote: "Some...refugees are your brothers and sisters in Christ. Some will be your future brothers and sisters in Christ. Whether they are or not, though, every one of them reflects back to us the picture of a God who made humanity in his image and loves each one of us."

Ask

Now we'll spend time praying together, particularly for refugees. (If your group would like prompts, you can offer these:)

- For refugees living in the United States, that God's presence would be near to them.
- For the homelands people fled from, that peace would be restored.
- For families remaining in their homes, separated from their loved ones, that they would be protected.
- For each of us here to be people of peace, welcoming all those on their refugee journeys that we encounter.

Yield

As we go into this day and into this month, may you look for ways to share your own provisions with the poor and the immigrant. We praise God for his generosity and pray to imitate his character.



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