



# How to Pray for...

## REFUGEES



***Nearly 34,000 people a day become refugees.***

- (UNHCR)

Refugees are people who flee their homelands because of persecution or war. They may have been professionals, academics, business people, parents, school children...but their lives have been dramatically impacted by violence. In fleeing for their lives, refugees are reduced to poverty and rely on the international community for shelter, protection, and help in starting a new life.

The vast majority of refugees live in camps neighboring their homelands—mostly in Majority World countries whose resources are already stretched thin. By mid-2017, Turkey, Pakistan, and Lebanon were hosting millions of people fleeing from Syria and Yemen. Uganda had opened its borders to a million South Sudanese. The refugee camps are meant to be places of refuge, where families receive basics of food, water, and shelter. But all too often, as resources are depleted, camps become overcrowded, unsanitary breeding grounds for more violence. Women and children are especially vulnerable to sexual assault, exploitation and human trafficking. While most families simply wait to be allowed to return home, a few apply for asylum, undergo a long vetting process, and hope to be granted visas so they can begin to build a new life. The few who resettle in a new country must navigate a foreign culture and language and often face fear and discrimination.

# Please Pray With Us For Refugees...

- To be protected from more harm and to have their basic needs for food, water, and shelter met.
- To have hope in the midst of suffering; that they would know God as their protector, provider, and redeemer.
- To be reunited with missing family members.
- Pray that nations (especially your own) will be open to receiving those who need a permanent new home. Pray that decision makers would be motivated by compassion and justice, rather than fear.
- Pray for those caring for refugees—that they would have the resources they need to alleviate suffering and that they would pour out hope and love from the Lord. Pray that they will not grow weary of doing good, that every need will be provided for, that they will be bold in their prayers and in proclaiming God's healing power and love.
- Pray that God would reveal His love and forgiveness to those who are perpetrating violence. Pray that they would repent and turn from evil.

***We encourage you to meditate on these verses and pray them over refugees.***

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. 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.

*Deuteronomy 10:17-19*



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