



Prayer for Immigrants & Refugees



God of all nations, we pray for immigrants and refugees as well as all those who are suffering from the trauma of displacement and have experienced loss and hardship.

Comfort them, heal their wounds, and fill them with hope for the future.

May they find peace and wholeness in their new lives.

Inspire us to be a welcoming presence for neighbours. Give us open hearts and minds, and the courage to extend Your love and compassion to those who seek refuge in our communities. May we be instruments of Your peace and justice.

We pray for just and compassionate immigration policies that protect the dignity and rights of ALL people. Guide our leaders to create systems that are fair, efficient, and humane, and that recognize the valuable contributions of immigrants to our society.

Please grant us a future where ALL people can live in peace and security, where borders are open to opportunity and welcome, and where the gifts of all are celebrated.

May we work together to build a world where EVERY PERSON has a place to call HOME and a chance to thrive. AMEN

IN SOLIDARITY
WITH THE LIVES AND MINISTRY OF:



WE REMEMBER
JOE WALSH, CSB

who died November 06, 2025
prayer partner with Sandra.

WE REMEMBER
AGNES TERESA SHEEHAN, CSJ

who died November 12, 2025
prayer partner with Bernardo.



DECEMBER 20, 2025
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY



International
Human
Solidarity
Day



WE REMEMBER
WALTER FARRELL, FSC

who died November 19, 2025
prayer partner with Michael.

WE REMEMBER
CELIMA LINDSAY, CJ

who died November 21, 2025
for her strong support of refugees.



WE REMEMBER
ELISE CORRIVEAU, CND

who died November 29, 2025
prayer partner Nuria & Alacron.



ADVENT AND OTHER RESOURCES 2025



[Catholic Climate Covenant](#)

1) CRS Online Advent Calendar:

Take time to pray and prepare for the coming of Christ with daily email during Advent. [Click here.](#)

2) Advent Simplicity Challenge:

Resource to help you pray and prepare for the coming of Christ. [Click here](#) to sign up.

3) Give to a Charity on someone's behalf

4) Advent 2025 Living Laudato Si'

Advent journey inviting you to "Walk the Path of Laudato Si' Virtues" [Click here.](#)

5) Practise the Advent pause:

Through [contemplative practice](#) be aware of the internal energy to have more than necessary.

6) Advent Guide 2025: "Walking with God"

[Maryknoll Office](#) for Global Concerns' weekly reflections, questions, prayers, and actions.

7) Advent Conspiracy

Lifting four tents during Advent: [Click here](#)

8) Give the Gift of Time

9) Opt for "Less is More" Decorations:

Use natural greenery from local evergreens

10) Save Paper: by reusing different types of paper.

11) [CAFOD's online Advent calendar 2025](#)



o [In Hopeful Waiting: Advent and Christmas Reflections from Sisters Around the World](#)

Global Sisters Report 2025 eBook

o [Ignation Spirituality Advent Resources](#)

o [This Advent, pray the migration mysteries of the rosary](#)

o [Advent Guide—RedemptoristTV](#)

CATHOLIC WOMEN PREACHING THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 14, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"In and through the incarnation, divine communication is embodied in the Logos, expressed in our diverse languages, lived in our different bodies. This is a source of the joy we celebrate on Gaudete Sunday, the hope we strive to live into, cultivate, and embrace."

[Click here](#) to watch

(shared by CHRISTINE GEBEL, OLM)



70 años
Educativos
corazones

Vigilia de Adviento

Fe y Alegría, un corazón que espera.

The Fe y Alegría Movement invites you to participate in the II ADVENT VIGIL, a space of encounter and hope for the global community,

"FAITH AND JOY, A HEART THAT WAITS". [Click here](#)

Date & time: 11:00am Friday December 19

Advent is a time that shimmers with mystery and possibility, longing and solace.

Let us try to find time to be quiet and still so that we can listen deeply to our lives, to one another, to Divine whispers and to the invitations of the seasons.

IMPORTANT MOMENTS

Recommended Reading



- o [“Immigration cuts leave Ukrainians and Hong Kongers in Canada with little chance of permanent residence”](#)
- o [“Three U.S. bishops: Racially profiling migrants \(and Americans\) is a betrayal of the Gospel”](#)
- o [“Being an immigrant: A journey of gratitude, compassion, and shared purpose”](#)
- o [“Elders live from the inside out”](#)
(Shared by URSULA WITKOWSKA, CJ)
- o [“A thriving Syrian family shows why we shouldn’t give up on immigration”](#)
- o [“Canada must admit that Trump’s America is not a ‘safe’ place for refugees”](#)

2025 NOBEL PRIZE IN ECONOMICS

PETER HOWITT—awarded the Nobel Prize for his work in creative destruction theory, which describes how innovation drives economic growth, improving living standards by replacing outdated technologies while disrupting existing industries and jobs. [Click](#) to read (Peter is the brother-in-law of SHEILA ZETTEL, CJ prayer partner with Ruth Uwinshuti)



Federal government cuts off aid to Texas Catholic Charities — [CLICK HERE](#)



Pictured in 2023:
Norma Pimentel, MJ
Kevin Story, CSB

Sr. Norma, ED Catholic Charities Diocese of Brownsville, was keynote speaker of the Nov. 2023 event co-sponsored by Becoming Neighbours



Bill C-12 passed the House of Commons.

This dangerous legislation would give the Government unchecked power to cancel work and study permits and permanent residency, deny refugee protections, and share migrants’ private information without meaningful oversight. Despite thousands of us emailing and calling, every Liberal, Conservative, and Bloc Québécois MPs knowingly voted to attack migrants and refugees. In a rare move, the government rushed Bill C-12 to the Senate the same day. Senators are now on holiday break. The Bill returns for Senate debate Feb 03, 2026 — likely the last chance to stop it..

[Email Senators right now and demand they vote](#)

[NO on Bill C-12](#)

Canadian Bishops: Affordable housing, just wages, environmental safeguards reduce food insecurity



[Click here](#)

CELEBRATING NEW POSSIBILITIES

Thursday December 18, 2025: International Migrants Day



Since 2000, the United Nations has recognized December 18 as International Migrants Day. It is a day to uphold our brothers and sisters who choose or are forced to migrate due to economic, environmental or social strife. There are an estimated 281 million, or 3.6% of the global population, living in a country other than their country of birth.

Christ Child of the Year' should be the world's refugee children

In 2017, and still today, RON ROLHEISER, OMI poignantly and provocatively challenges us and the world:



“The real Christ is forever seeking a home in a world within which there is no room for him. The Christ-Child can be seen most clearly today in the countless refugee children who, with their families, are being driven from their homes by violence, war, starvation, ethnic cleansing, poverty, tribalism, racism, and religious persecution. They, and their families, best fit the picture of Joseph and Mary, searching for a room, outsiders, powerless, uninvited, no home, no one to take them in, on the periphery, STRANGERS LABELLED AS “ALIENS”.

[Click Here](#) to read the full reflection.

LIKE MIGRANTS AROUND THE WORLD, WE TOO, ARE ON A JOURNEY WITH GOD.
like the biblical innkeeper who assisted the Holy Family, let us accompany one another, offering help and refuge to those in need.

WELCOMING SEBASTIÁN



Sebastián, son of Leidy and Donovan Leidy is companion with Carole Umana (Newcomers since 2023)

ALEJANDRO RECEIVING HIS MASTERS DEGREE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE



Alejandro, son of Johana and Jhon Jhon and Johana led the Latino/Latina Circles (Newcomers since 2011)

Michael Bublé Partners with War Child to Turn "Home" Into Hope

[Click here](#) to read

[Click here](#) to watch "HOME"



INTENTION OF POPE LEO

For Christians in areas of conflict
DECEMBER 2025

[Click here](#)



Together We Pray



Every Day
is
Human Rights
Day



Advent Prayer on **CONSUMERISM**

Slow us down LORD, this Advent,
so we may understand
the darkness we are in,
the darkness of fear
that comes with wanting more,
and the fear of having less.

Grant us the light of transformation,
as we wait for your true abundance,
the love of the Incarnation,
a love that brings us
true dignity and security,
a love that embraces all,
that enriches all,
that calls us all to share justly
and celebrate joyfully.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Our Lord and brother, AMEN

LET US BE IN SOLIDARITY

On December 10 we celebrate **Human Rights Day**, the day on which the United Nations affirmed the Declaration on Human Rights. On this day we pray for all global citizens who have been denied their rights. See the "Litany for International Human Rights Day" [CLICK HERE](#)

Advent



Prepare a way for the Lord



"Help Us to See You" A Christmas Prayer

In the Christmas season, we hope in Jesus.
Holy Family, pray for our renewed commitment
to respond to the signs of our times.
Child Jesus, help us to comfort you
in the forgotten children of God,
and especially the discriminated minorities and migrants.
Forgive us our trespasses against the Earth,
And lead us to embrace climate refugees.
Your power and will be done through the peacemakers.
Help us to accompany our brothers and sisters
burdened with the struggle of a world in crisis.
And help us to be BEACONS of HOPE. AMEN

Dianna Ortiz, OSU's prayer: [CLICK HERE](#)



ARTIST: Mickey McGrath, OSFS