

# Week

# 6

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Contact your elected officials to advocate for immigration reform and urge them to take legislative action to address climate change (in addition to continuing the fasts from weeks 1-4). See below for suggested language.

“Changes in climate, to which animals and plants cannot adapt, lead them to migrate; this in turn affects the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to leave their homes, with great uncertainty for their future and that of their children. There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.”

(LS 25)

### *A prayer intention for each day:*

1. For a personal change of heart toward embracing an integral ecology.
2. For families separated and in limbo because of current immigration policies of deportation, detention, and racial profiling.
3. For sweeping immigration reform in the United States that will open the door for many more immigrants to pursue legal citizenship, work, and residence.
4. For the people of Haiti, whose homeland is increasingly unstable due to increased extreme weather events caused by climate change.
5. For the government to begin to lead on climate change reduction.
6. For the leaders of our nation, that they will make decisions based not on consumeristic and domineering habits, but on the dictates of justice and compassion for all people and the earth.
7. For a restructuring of economic and social systems that prioritizes justice for all people and the earth.



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**Suggested language for contacting elected officials to advocate for immigration reform:**

- **United States**

Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm a constituent from [hometown]. I'm calling today to ask [Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_] to support humane, comprehensive immigration reform, which includes a pathway to citizenship for undocumented persons living in our nation; prioritizes family reunification; provides opportunities and protections for low-skilled workers; maintains due process protections within enforcement policies; addresses the root causes of migration such as global, economic, environmental, and social injustices; and implements effective and humane border security that recognizes the human rights of all people. I'd like to hear back from [Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_] on how he/she plans to pass meaningful immigration reform. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my address is [hometown address]. Thank you.

- **Canada**

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm a constituent from [hometown]. I'm calling today to ask [MP \_\_\_\_\_] to work for more just immigration policies in Canada, including an increase in the refugee resettlement targets (both Government-Assisted and privately sponsored); an offer to resettle, on an emergency basis, refugees who were approved for resettlement to the US but are now denied entry to the US (over and above Canada's refugee resettlement targets); suspension of the Safe Third Country Agreement with the U.S., so that refugees are not turned back at the US-Canada border. I'd like to hear back from [MP \_\_\_\_\_] on how he/she plans to pass meaningful immigration reform. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my address is [hometown address]. Thank you.

**Suggested language for calling or writing to elected officials to advocate for climate justice:**

- **United States**

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling to urge [Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_] to support or introduce legislation that uses the scientific facts of climate change as a basis to protect both the planet and our health from pollution, global warming, and severe weather. Please fight to implement greenhouse gas emissions standards, and urge the President to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement. Thank you.

- **Canada**

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling to urge you to support increased climate ambition. It is imperative that Canada increase its emissions-reduction target and end subsidies to the fossil fuel industry immediately. As a Christian, I believe that God calls me to care for and advocate on behalf of God's precious creation. That's why I want to see my government increase its level of ambition so that it is consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement – and to take immediate action to end subsidies that support oil and gas exploration, development, and production. I urge you to support an increased emissions-reduction target and accelerated climate action that is consistent with the Paris Agreement. Thank you.

