

World Refugee Day, June 20



Fast facts: Refugees

- 110 million people — more than 1 in 73 globally — were experiencing forced displacement from their homes due to conflict, persecution, violence, and human rights violations as of June 2023. This includes refugees, people seeking refugee status, and people displaced within their own countries.
- 87% of the world's current refugees originated from just 10 countries. Just over half of all refugees worldwide are

from Afghanistan, Syria, or Ukraine.

- The countries hosting the most refugees globally are Iran (3.4 million), Turkey (3.4 million), Germany (2.5 million), and Colombia (just under 2.5 million).
- Low- and middle-income countries host 75% of the world's refugees and other displaced people.
- 6.1 million people are asylum-seekers (seeking refugee status), and an additional 62.5 million are internally displaced.
- 40% of all forcibly displaced people are children.

<https://www.worldvision.org/refugees-news-stories/what-is-a-refugee-facts>

Click the link to see the 10 largest refugee crises in 2024

<https://concernusa.org/news/largest-refugee-crises/>



Prayer - Strangers in a Foreign Land

Lord God, help us to remember those who tonight will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes.

We lift up to you those who are escaping persecution and conflict, having fled death, torture or ruthless exploitation.

So many carry wounds, mental and physical. So many have suffered greatly.

Lord Jesus, give us more of your compassion for their plight, soften our hearts to their situation, and help us follow your lead in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf.

We pray for an end to the wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees in the first place.

We give thanks for people working in troubled countries and ask for more of your blessing so we can bring life, dignity and hope to those that remain.

We thank you that you are Lord of all the earth and all its people are loved by you.

We pray these things in the name of your Son who was himself born into the troubled life of a refugee.

- Author Unknown

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/immigrants-and-refugees#:~:text=Back%20to%20Top-Come%20to%20Our%20Land,hearts%20and%20in%20our%20minds.>