



Call from Church Leaders for Day of Prayer and Fasting for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

5th March 2017

Church Leaders meeting in Sydney in late 2016 called for a day of prayer and fasting for refugees and asylum seekers.

The situation of many thousands of refugees and asylum seekers throughout the world calls Christians to respond. The situation of those who seek refuge in Australia is a particular concern to us.

Websites

- [UNHCR](#)
- [Asylum Seeker Resource Centre](#)
- [Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce](#)
- [Refugee Council of Australia](#)
- [Uniting Justice](#)
- [JustSalvos](#)
- [Jesuit Refugee Service](#)
- [Australian Catholic Refugee and Migrant Office](#)

Resources

[Migrant and Refugee Week, resource kit –](#)

Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (AMCRO)

Theological Statement

[ACRT Theological Statement PDF](#)

From the *Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce*, an initiative of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Study guides

1. [Refugees and Asylum Seekers Study Guide booklet PDF](#)
 2. Session One- [Who Do you Say that I am?](#)
 3. Session Two – [What have done to us, bringing us out of Egypt?](#)
- Scriptural, theological and ethical approaches - Reflection Studies
From the Anglican Church Southern Queensland

[Parish Partnerships Bible Study and Prayer PDF](#)

From the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

Worship Resources

[Justice for Asylum seekers A Call to Prayer](#)

From Uniting Justice, Uniting Church in Australia

[Sermon Outline 'Welcoming the Other' and Prayer resources 'For the Weak and Vulnerable, Let Us See'](#)

From Just Salvos, The Salvation Army

Scripture:

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. **Leviticus 19:33-34**

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. **Hebrews 13:2**

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' **Matthew 25:35-40**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. **Colossians 3: 12**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.¹⁶If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. **James 2:14-17**

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Concern yourself with the interests of others, rather than just your own. **1 John 3:17**

Ezekiel 11: 19 - 21

Matthew 23:26

Ephesians 4:18

Parish kits

[Searching for Freedom, In Courage Let us All combine,](#)
Uniting Justice, Uniting Church in Australia

[Let's Fully Welcome Refugees, Parish Pack](#)
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

[Shine the Light of Christ For People Seeking Asylum](#)
Brisbane Catholic Archdiocese Justice & Peace Commission

Prayers

[Prayer Guide: Refugees and Asylum Seekers](#) –
Just Salvos, The Salvation Army

[Prayers for Syria](#) –
From Baptist World Aid