

The Migrant Cycle of Prayer

A Call to Prayer & Action

Today, tens of thousands of migrants, asylum-seekers, and refugees are being held in detention facilities across the United States. Many are being held in inhumane conditions—denied basic human needs and medical care—particularly at Customs and Border Protection facilities along our southern border. Meanwhile, the debate around immigration policy seems to be dividing our nation more and more deeply.

While we believe that reasonable people can have real disagreements about the best immigration policy for the US, it is our conviction that people of faith should be able to come together and proclaim that all migrants, asylum-seekers, and refugees are human beings, made in the image of God, and therefore deserve to be treated with respect, kindness, and care.

This cycle of prayer is offered as a way to keep sustained attention on the reprehensible conditions that detainees—as well as guards and other staff—must grapple with. In the course of one year, those praying through the cycle will have prayed for 135 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facilities and 139 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities.

Prayer is preparation for faithful action. We hope that this cycle of prayer galvanizes the Church Universal to discern how the Spirit is calling you and your community to support detained migrants, build relationships with those who disagree with you, and help build a more just world.

In the name of the God who loves unconditionally,

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The facilities assigned to each week can be integrated into liturgical or personal prayer in a variety of ways. At St. Mark's, we have been using this short form. We encourage you to use this, modify it, or develop your own form as best fits the liturgical and spiritual practices of your community:

Oh God, you have always been with the traveller, the migrant, and the refugee. Today, we pray for any detainees, as well as the guards and other staff, at:

Example Station
Example Station
Example Correctional Facility
Example Correctional Facility
Example Jail
in the state of Example

Give those incarcerated courage and hope; give those who work in these places compassion and honor, and help us all to build a better world. **Amen.**

The names of the facilities listed were acquired at the following sites:

<https://www.ice.gov/detention-facilities>

<https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/along-us-borders/border-patrol-sectors>

The particular agency which runs each facility is *not* listed; however, facilities titled as “Stations” are CBP facilities. All others are run by ICE.

If you know of facilities where migrants are being detained that are *not* listed, please contact Scott at scott@stmarks.net, so that we can update the cycle appropriately.

The Migrant Cycle of Prayer for 2019

This cycle of prayer was created in early July of 2019, and therefore begins on the 28th week. For 2020, the full listing of facilities will be provided. Each weekly cycle is associated with the Sunday of that week, which is listed for ease of use in Sunday services (for those worshipping on Fridays or Saturdays, the dates can easily be shifted).

Week 28: July 14, 2019

Wellesley Island Station

Buffalo Station

Orange County Correctional Facility

Albany County Correctional Facility

Allegany County Jail

in the state of New York

Week 29: July 21, 2019

Niagara Falls Station

Massena Station

Ogdensburg Station

Chautauqua County Jail

Clinton County Jail

in the state of New York

Week 30: July 28, 2019

Champlain Station

Burke Station

Wayne County Jail

in the state of New York

Grand Forks Station

Portal Station

in the state of North Dakota

Week 31: August 4, 2019

Bottineau Station

in the state of North Dakota

Bedford Heights City Jail

Butler County Correctional Complex

Morrow County Correctional Facility

Seneca County Jail

in the state of Ohio

Week 32: August 11, 2019

Geauga County Safety Center

in the state of Ohio

David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center

Grady County Law Enforcement Center

Kay County Detention Center

in the state of Oklahoma

Federal Detention Center Sheridan

in the state of Oregon

Week 33: August 18, 2019

Erie Station

Clinton County Correctional Facility

Pike County Correctional Facility

York County Prison

Berks Family Residential Center

in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Week 34: August 25, 2019

Ramey Station
in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Presidio Station
Van Horn Station
Detention Facility
El Paso Processing Center
in the state of Texas
Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility
in the state of Tennessee

Week 35: September 1, 2019

Big Bend Sub-Station
Sanderson Station
Alpine Station
Houston Contract Detention Facility
Joe Corley Detention Facility
in the state of Texas

Week 36: September 8, 2019

Sierra Blanca Station
Fort Stockton Station
Lubbock Station
Johnson County Detention Center
Karnes County Residential Center
in the state of Texas

Week 37: September 15, 2019

Midland Station
Marfa Station
Pecos Station
Laredo Detention Center
IAH Secure Adult Detention Facility
in the state of Texas

Week 38: September 22, 2019

Amarillo Sub-Station
San Angelo Station
Del Rio Station
Port Isabel Service Processing Center
Rolling Plains Correctional Facility
in the state of Texas

Week 39: September 29, 2019

Brackettville Station
Comstock Station
Abilene Station
South Texas Detention Complex
T. Don Hutto Residential Center
in the state of Texas

Week 40: October 6, 2019

Eagle Pass Station
Eagle Pass South Station
Rocksprings Station
West Texas Detention Facility
South Texas Family Residential Center
in the state of Texas

Week 41: October 13, 2019

Carrizo Springs Station
Uvalde Station
Burnet County Jail
Brooks County Detention Center
East Hidalgo Detention Center
in the state of Texas

Week 42: October 20, 2019

Fort Hancock Station
Ysleta Station
El Paso Station
Central Texas Detention Facility (GEO)
Jack Harwell Detention Center
in the state of Texas

Week 43: October 27, 2019

Clint Station
Laredo South Station
Dallas Station
Val Verde County Detention Center
Willacy County Regional Detention Facility
in the state of Texas

Week 44: November 3, 2019

Cotulla Station
Hebbronville Station
Zapata Station
Karnes County Correctional Center
Karnes County Civil Detention Center
Rio Grande Detention Center
in the state of Texas

Week 45: November 10, 2019

Laredo West Station
Freer Station
Laredo North Station
La Salle County Regional Detention Center
Prairieland Detention Center (PDC)
in the state of Texas

Week 46: November 17, 2019

San Antonio Station
Rio Grande City Station
Harlingen Station
Federal Satellite Low La Tuna
El Valle Detention Facility
in the state of Texas

Week 47: November 24, 2019

Fort Brown Station
McAllen Station
Brownsville Station
Henderson County Detention Center
Montgomery Processing Center
in the state of Texas

Week 48: December 1, 2019

Falfurrias Station
Corpus Christi Station
Weslaco Station
in the state of Texas
Utah County Jail
Weber County Correctional Facility
in the state of Utah

Week 49: December 8, 2019

Kingsville Station
in the state of Texas

Beecher Falls Station

Newport Station

Richford Station

Swanton Station

in the state of Vermont

Week 50: December 15, 2019

Sumas Station

Blaine Station

in the state of Washington

Farmville Detention Center

Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

Caroline Detention Facility

in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Week 51: December 22, 2019

Port Angeles Station

Bellingham Station

Colville Station

Curlew Station

Tacoma Northwest Detention Center

in the state of Washington

Week 52: December 29, 2019

Metaline Falls Station

Oroville Station

Federal Detention Center "SEA-TAC"

Dodge Detention Facility

Kenosha County Detention Center

in the state of Washington