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