

Get Involved: Pray



EMBRACE Prayer Group November 2015

As we receive updates on the situation of the refugee crisis in Europe it is impossible to be indifferent to the urgent need for a response from our governments, churches, aid agencies and local communities.

Last month's *Time* magazine describes the Exodus, 'the epic migration to Europe and what lies ahead'. Karl Vick writes that 'rarely in modern history have so many been so desperate to flee. Now their brave and tragic journeys are reshaping Europe and the world'. Much is being done. Much still needs to be done. Let us continue to pray for a generous response to appeals for practical aid and that quick action is taken to ensure that basic shelter, food and other essentials reach refugees, especially those who are in danger of serious illness and death as the winter approaches. As governmental and local teams coordinate responses let us hope that all those involved in working for peace and a resolution to these ongoing conflicts and in integrating refugees can involve many others in the process so we can make a positive difference to the lives of all those who are affected.

A Prayer

Eternal Father,

We entrust to you all those who are fleeing from their war torn homelands,

...and for all those in refugee camps,

...those who have lost family and friends,

...those who are most vulnerable and feel abandoned.

...those who are suffering from hunger, and lack of shelter and warmth.

Lead them to safety and peace.

Shake us from our complacency and help us to do our part for all those who are not strangers but pilgrims with us on the journey to our eternal "homeland".

Increase our generosity.

We pray for all the relief workers and our political and church leaders, that they may have wisdom in the decisions they are making.

We ask this in the name of Jesus who calls us to universal fraternity.