

This calendar is meant to help you set time aside with Jesus. Decide on where you'll meet Him, and choose a time when you won't fall asleep or be distracted. You can tear out this page and keep it in your Bible. "Come close to God, and God will come close to you" (James 4:8).

# NOVEMBER



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Spend some time on the UN Refugee Agency Map page and choose a nation to pray for everyday this month. Research the specific needs of those displaced people. Consider giving a presentation to your corps on the crises these people are facing.

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"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God" (**Leviticus 19:33-34**, NIV).

Do you love others as yourself? If not, ask God to show you how.

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Choose something to fast from financially this month, so that you can give the money to World Services' refugee work. It could be soda, coffee, donuts, eating out, or anything you consume frequently. Visit [tinyurl.com/SalArmRefugees](http://tinyurl.com/SalArmRefugees) at the end of the month to give your contribution, or talk to your corps officer.

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Hearing about all the violence in the world can be overwhelming, and we can feel helpless as to what to do. It is never foolish to pray for world peace. Today, pray for peace in your community and across the world.

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In the Law of the Old Testament, God established certain cities to be places of "refuge" for those fleeing from crimes (**Numbers 35:6**). These places would provide sanctuary as justice was worked out. God created places for criminals to have mercy, yet we are so often slow to give mercy to the innocent. Pray that God will teach us how to love others as He loves us.

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Thousands of people every year are becoming refugees because of climate change, specifically due to rising water. Most of these people are impoverished. Pray for "climate refugees" as they transition into new lives.

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Quiet yourself. Go someplace where you are calm and able to meditate on God. Imagine what your life would look like if you were a refugee. Allow yourself to feel what they would feel, as well as take in any smells, sights, sounds, and tastes that would be different if you were in their shoes.

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Check out the video at [www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/inf150416](http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/inf150416) to see what The Salvation Army is doing for refugees in Europe. Pray specifically for The Salvation Army's response to the refugee crisis there.

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Pray specifically for child refugees. Pray against cycles of poverty and violence that refugees often are trapped in. Pray for comfort after the trauma they've faced, and against any further trauma. Pray that children might receive education in the midst of chaos.

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Pray for your political leaders and their response to the refugee crisis. Don't forget to pray for local leaders as well.

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There are many people in the world fleeing war, famine, and trauma who do not have the political status of "refugee." Pray for those who are in crisis but may not have the attention of the media or our country.

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Read the story of the Good Samaritan (**Luke 10:25-37**) and consider how the unlikely foreigner (the Samaritan) took care of someone in need, even though their communities did not get along.

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"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt" (**Deuteronomy 10:18-19**, NIV). Is there something this verse inspires you to do?

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Famine is one of the greatest contributors to people becoming refugees. Pray for food distribution in the world and creative solutions to solve food shortage problems.

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Consider how Native Americans and First Nations' people were moved from their lands, as well as the toll this took on their culture and people. Pray for greater dialogue and reconciliation. Pray against cycles of poverty among these groups.

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Every year, tens of thousands of kids and teens are fleeing El Salvador's violence and gangs to come to the United States. Pray for these refugees, El Salvador, and the United States' response to the crisis.

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Human trafficking and modern day slavery remain some of the greatest threats to refugees. Pray for the victims of trafficking and the traffickers. Pray for The Salvation Army's work around the world with human trafficking. Check out [www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/inr111116](http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/inr111116) for more information.

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Refugees and the problems they are fleeing from are diverse. Pray for the refugees we have in the United States today, specifically for their transition, acceptance into our culture, and healing from trauma. Consider what you can do for the refugees in your community or state.

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Pray for women refugees today. Pray against trauma. Pray for sanitary living conditions and proper medical care. Pray specifically for pregnant and nursing mothers.

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Read **Matthew 2:13-18**. Many consider Jesus a refugee because His family fled from the genocide of Jewish boys enacted by King Herod. What does Jesus' status as a refugee mean for Christians?

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Pray for refugees in Asia, specifically refugees stranded at sea who cannot find a nation to take them in. Pray for safety, hygienic living conditions, access to clean water, and food.

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Pray for the relationship between Israelis and Palestinians, and those displaced by the conflict in that nation.

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Remember the elderly, infants, and people with special needs who are refugees around the world. Pray that they would receive the medical attention they need and would be safe in unconventional situations.

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As Christians, we consider the story of the Israelites and their slavery to be our story. Though we may not be physical refugees, we have been spiritual refugees. Meditate on this idea in your prayer today.

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**Psalm 46** states that God is our refuge and our help. Understanding God as our place of safety, and our experience of that love, can help us to love others in need of "refuge." How does God's grace play into how you view people in need?

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Pray for access to clean water for those affected by war, violence, and genocide.

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"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" (**Matthew 25:35-36**, NIV).

How do you remember the "least of these" (**Matthew 25:40**)?

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Syria is seen in the news a lot as a place of war and violence. Many claim that Syria is the birthplace of the Church (**Acts 11:26b**), yet hundreds of thousands of Syrian Christians have been persecuted to death or refugee status. Pray today for Syrian Christians, refugees, and the thousands of years of history being lost to war.

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Pray today that God would be the refuge of many facing displacement. Pray that many would find peace in God in the midst of trouble and pain. Pray that God would be the shade that many rest under, just as God provided a large plant for Jonah to rest under (**Jonah 4:6**).

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"Open for us the gates of righteousness, and we shall enter, to praise the Lord. Open the gates; open them wide. We knock at Your gates, O gracious One; do not turn us away empty-handed. Open the gates, Lord; open the gates for us and for all Israel. Open the gates of blessing for us all" (Yom Kippur Concluding Service, taken from **Psalm 118**).

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