



REFUGEE WEEK WORSHIP KIT

Refugee Week 2015 is being held from Sunday June 14-Saturday June 20. Churches are encouraged to participate on Sunday June 14 or 21 by devoting a section of their church service to prayer for refugees and announcing opportunities to either learn more or take action.

1. SHOW A VIDEO CLIP

Before leading the church in prayer, show the video clip "Qubra and Perez" (three and a half minutes long, downloaded with this kit) in which an Afghani son and mother tell how they became refugees. Showing this clip will help people understand the challenges refugees face and put a human face on their prayer.

2. PRAY FOR REFUGEES

A prayer you can use is provided below.

3. LET PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT "BORDERED BY LOVE"

Many Australians are disturbed by our treatment of refugees and asylum seekers, but they don't know what the alternatives are. "Bordered by Love" describes an alternative approach Australia could take. The document will be available at <http://ajustcause.com.au/product/bordered-by-love> on May 24. We encourage you to print as many copies as you think you'll need and make them available.

4. INVITE PEOPLE TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION

If your congregation has not engaged strongly with the issue of refugees and asylum seekers invite them to participate in a four week small group bible study using the book *Boundless Plains to Share? Australia, Jesus and Refugees*. You can order copies at <http://ajustcause.com.au/product/boundless-plains-to-share-australia-jesus-and-refugees/> Alternately get in contact with A Just Cause via our website and arrange for us to run a workshop for your church.

If your congregation has begun engaging with this issue invite people in your church to join in a visit to your Federal Member of Parliament in July to deliver a copy of "Bordered by Love" and talk about the positive alternative it presents. An MP Talk sheet will be available at <http://ajustcause.com.au/product/bordered-by-love> on May 24

A PRAYER FOR REFUGEES

Loving God,
We pray for the world's refugees,
They have experienced trauma beyond our imagining.
God of healing, bring them healing.
They endure the most trying of circumstances.
God of strength, bring them strength.
They face an uncertain future.
God of hope, bring them hope.

We pray for the countries from which refugees come,
They are experiencing conflict.
God of healing, bring them healing.
Their people are torn apart by violence & other types of persecution.
God of strength, bring them strength.
They face a difficult future.
God of hope, bring them hope.

We pray for refugees who have resettled in Australia.
They have experienced great loss.
God of healing, bring them healing.
They are building new lives in a foreign land.
God of strength, bring them strength.
They are courageously carving out a future.
God of hope, bring them hope.

We pray for asylum seekers living in Australia.
They have experienced great loss.
God of healing, bring them healing.
They may never see their families again.
God of strength, bring them strength.
They have no certainty about their future.
God of hope, bring them hope.

We pray for asylum seekers detained on Manus Island & Nauru
They are experiencing great pain
God of healing, bring them healing.
They live in harsh and difficult conditions
God of strength, bring them strength.
They are losing hope.
God of hope, bring them hope.

We pray for our nation
We have hardened our hearts against refugees
God of healing, bring us healing
We have grown weary of caring
God of strength, give us strength
We need to find a better way forward,
God of hope, bring us hope.