

## Migrants and Refugees

*"Love the stranger then, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."*  
Deuteronomy 10:19

Leviticus 19:33-34  
Hebrews 13:2  
Matthew 2:13-15  
Galatians 3:28

'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees' was produced by the Catholic Bishops Conference in England and Wales and includes 24 guiding principles. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

St Alban (22nd June) is the patron saint of refugees. Find a prayer at:  
<https://www.jrsuk.net/st-alban-prayer/>

*"Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarised by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate"*

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti #129



**20th June:** World Refugee Day

**4-5th October:** World Day of Migrants and Refugees (Jubilee)

## Modern Slavery

*"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."* Amos 5:24

Psalms 82:4  
Isaiah 42:6-7  
Luke 19:10



St Josephine Bakhita (8th February) is the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and slavery. Find a novena at:  
<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-josephine-bakhita-novena>

*"Human trafficking disfigures dignity. Exploitation and subjugation limit freedom and turn people into objects to use and discard."* Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer and Reflection Against Human Trafficking 2023

**30th July:** World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

**18th October:** Anti-slavery day

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## Church Beyond Walls

### Prayer Resource



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# Poverty and Homelessness

*"And one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?" James 2:16*

Isaiah 58:6-7  
Matthew 25:35-40  
Luke 9:57-58  
Luke 16:19-31  
1 John 3:17

World Day of the Poor prayer resource from the Caritas Social Action Network:  
<https://www.csan.org.uk/news/world-day-of-the-poor-2024-prayer-resource/>

*"None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice"*  
Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor, 2022.



**16th April:** Feast Day of St Benedict Joseph Labre, patron saint of the homeless

**5th September:** Feast of St Teresa of Calcutta and International Day of Charity.

**16th November:** World Day of the Poor (33rd Sunday of the year)

# Ageing

*"Do not cast me off in the time of old age, forsake me not when my strength is spent." Psalms 71:9*

Leviticus 19:32  
Psalms 92:14  
Proverbs 23:22  
Matthew 28:20



## Loneliness

Joshua 1:5  
Isaiah 41:8-10  
Matthew 28:20  
1 Peter 5:7

*"But the greatest suffering is being lonely, feeling unloved, having no one. I have come more and more to realise that it is being unwanted that is the worst disease that any human being can ever experience"* St Teresa of Calcutta

**27th July:** World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (4th Sunday in July).

# Domestic Abuse

*"The verbal, physical and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union." Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia #54*

Psalms 10:12-14  
Jeremiah 29:11  
Isaiah 54:14-15  
1 Corinthians 13:4-6

16 Days of Activism to end gender based violence including prayer:  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/domestic-abuse-activism-calendar/>

*"In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan. Any other decision would make us either one of the robbers or one of those who walked by without showing compassion for the sufferings of the man on the roadside."*  
Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti #67



**25th November:** International Day to End Violence Against Women and Girls.