

# 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, and 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.**

Whenever possible, we have sought to include facilities from both agencies in each week. 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](mailto: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*