



9:36 Prayer Initiative for Refugee Children

[Jesus] took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:36-37

This prayer initiative is designed to remind us twice each day to lift our hearts and voices to God on behalf of refugee children. Around the world in a multitude of languages we pray that God show us how to welcome these children into our midst and into His Kingdom. We invite you to join this initiative by praying for refugee children at 9:36 a.m. and p.m. each day.

Prayer Points (These are suggestions to help guide you, but we trust the Spirit to lead you as you pray):

- Ask God to tune your ear to His direction and align your heart with His heart for these children and youth.
- Ask God to continue to awaken the Church to His call to respond to the needs of these children and youth.
- Pray that there will be a unity among God's people demonstrated by their just and loving response.
- Pray that God will protect these youth on their journeys and keep them out of the hands of traffickers and others who might seek to harm them or take advantage of their vulnerability.
- Pray that Christians across the globe will speak up for these children so that governments and laws reflect God's will for these children and youth.
- Ask God to reveal Himself personally to each refugee and asylum-seeking child so that they know their Father in Heaven is with them and their Savior has a good plan for their future.
- Ask God to provide direction, protection and safe friendships for refugee and asylum-seeking children and youth traveling alone (i.e., unaccompanied children).
- Ask God to introduce you to the unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and youth in your community and help you build relationships that will encourage them and glorify Him.
- Thank God that He hears and sees and knows the needs of each child and He does not forsake them. Acknowledge His sovereignty and the perfection of His ways and trust that He has already gone before each child on his/her journey and is with them always.

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