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Romans 10:14

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

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CURRENT REFUGEE STATS

There are over 12 million displaced people in Europe in 2021 according to the UN. While there was a large influx in 2015, the number has only continued to rise.

Since the war started in February, the UN says there has been over 7 million Ukrainian refugees across Europe.

The need to love the foreigner has never been greater. "You will regard the alien who resides with you as the native-born among you. You are to love him as yourself." (Leviticus 19:34 CSB) Pray for the millions of people who find themselves in countries that are not their own, having to learn a language and culture that is not their own.

Pray for the church throughout Europe that it would be a place that these refugees can come to find help, love, and care.

TRANSITIONAL CHALLENGES Photo provided by AIM Diaspora

For refugees from Ukraine the transition to life in Spain is difficult.

There are many challenges facing refugees in Southern Spain, like finding housing and employment. Various factors contribute to these challenges such as language barriers, lack of literacy, stereotypes, and racism. Many are having a hard time learning language and adjusting to the society because they do not intend to assimilate and stay in Spain. Their families have been torn apart and many long to return home and be reunited with their loved ones. Pray for the provision of housing, employment, language and literacy. Pray that they would find favor and be received well in the eyes of the host country.

Pray for Ukrainian refugees to come to know Christ and His peace. Pray that the war would end and refugees could return home.

Pray for those employees and volunteers who are working closely with the refugees.

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DAY 3 FINDING CHRIST IN HARD TIMES

Photo provided by Al Massira

"Abdullah" came to the Netherlands three years ago from the Middle East. His heart was soft towards Christ when he witnessed the Christ's followers as customers in his father's shop. He sought to know Christ personally by reading the Bible, but he was so fearful should anyone discover his quest.

"Abdullah" joined an Al Massira group, seeking to meet Jesus. Despite the group disbanding, "Abdullah" continued one-toone with the leader. "Abdullah" was baptised in the summer, Hallelujah! "Abdullah" feels intense pressure from the Muslim community. Please pray for boldness and Holy Spirit power to share the Good News.

"Abdullah" is praying for his wife, "Sara," to seek Christ also.

"Abdullah" believes "Sara's" family may come from the Middle East to the Netherlands to kill the family (as a so-called "honour killing"). Please pray the Dutch government will grant the family refuge.



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All4Aid currently working in Lesvos, Greece, Larnaca, Cyprus, and Bucharest, Romania. God has led us to pursue the vision of seeing displaced people attaining life in all its fullness (John 10:10b), specifically by working in transit contexts.

One of the greatest challenges in serving in this kind of context is the transient nature is walking alongside people who are still very much in the middle of their journey. We see some people be able to move on rather quickly but we see other who are stepping into a long season of waiting. Praise God for the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in various transit contexts across Europe.

Please pray for the refugees around the world that are in transit contexts and are still seeking stability for themselves and their families.



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DAY5 EMPOWERING REFUGEES Photo provided by Bridges

The refugees who are living in Greece, are in a very hostile environment. It's very hard to integrate and build a new life or feel safe. Many are not able to access public services. People feel marginalized and helpless. Lots of them are looking for ways out of Greece, legally or not.

What do these people need on the first step? Hope and family! This is what we stand to offer through the good news of Jesus Christ! Pray for our church planting ministry. We empower the refugees that became believers in Greece and are now in other European countries to help them plant churches in their new home.

Pray for the new doors that the Lord is opening for us to minister via internet, among the friends and family – still living in the Middle East – of the refugee believers in Europe.



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CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE

Fatima had a happy childhood till she was married at aged 12 to an abusive husband. It left her with 20 years of obstetric problems and childless. Murder attempts from the in-laws and her own family led Fatima to flee and make it to safety. Six years later she received asylum. However, her mental and physical health are poor. Fatima desires independence, but struggles to remember information. Banking, form filling, renting an apartment, calculating things are challenging for Fatima...not surprising considering her history and just 2 years of school education!

Please pray for Fatima, and the many women like her, who have been marginalised and shamed, that they will find healing and belonging.

Pray they will be seen and heard and empowered in their communities in their adopted homeland.

Pray they will know they are not invisible to Jesus; Jesus longs them to be adopted into his family with honour to be seated at God's right hand.



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DAY 7 FAILED PROMISES

Photo provided by HowWillTheyHear

In Italy, many Africans live in abandoned homes or wherever they can find shelter. Many of them came by being promised a life of opportunity only to find themselves forced into working for little to no pay or resorting to crime to survive.

Some, upon arrival, are told they now owe those who brought them to the country incredible amounts of money that they must pay if they want to get the documentation they need to live. Pray for the many refugees and immigrants who have found themselves forced into lives they did not want by people they thought they could trust.

Pray for the many churches and ministries in Italy who seek to show the love of Christ to those who need it.



DAY 8 CONNECTING LOCALS

Photo provided by SIM UK

SIM UK's ENGAGE programme brings cross-cultural workers to partner with UK churches in reaching the multicultural diaspora communities on their doorsteps, many of whom are asylum seekers.

These workers are able to help cross language and cultural barriers and build gospel-centred relationships. We currently have workers placed with three churches and are working with six others. Give thanks for the cultural barriers broken down through these placements and for the fruit seen in diaspora communities.

Pray the Lord would provide a sustainable visa sponsorship option to allow ENGAGE to continue bringing more crosscultural workers to the UK.



DAY9 UNITING AS ONE

J was astonished when he came to the Refugee Highway Partnership Roundtable in Greece to see all the different ministries who have a heart to reach refugees. Having been a refugee in Greece himself, he now felt called to serve those who still find themselves as refugees.

The RHP Roundtable allowed him to connect those who shared his passion and learn from others who have a lot of experience serving refugees. Pray for the next RHP Roundtable that will be in Italy. That it will be a time where the church will come together as one to share resources and learn from each other.

Pray for the church in Italy as it is trying to reach the many African immigrants that have come. Pray for unity and for the provisions they need.



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DAY 10 WELCOMING WEL

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Leaving Iran to seek refuge in Europe is a tremendous adjustment. Some Iranians are taught to distrust the West; others are simply experiencing European culture shock. Iranian Christians can find it hard to connect with local churches, and so can feel isolated from other believers.

Elam Ministries is equipping European churches as they reach out to Iranian refugees. Our vision is for Iranian refugees to be welcomed into church life, and to grow in their faith alongside local believers. Pray for God to open hearts and minds so that refugees can integrate in their new countries.

Pray that God strengthens local churches so they can continue to reach out to the refugee community.

Pray that Elam will be able to offer resources like Safar to more churches in Europe.



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DAY 11 PROVIDING SAFE SPACES

Please pray for Christ's healing of body, mind and soul of the Ukrainians who have lost so than any other country. The warm much.

Please pray for Czechs to continue to be hospitable and helpful as they support the displaced Ukrainians.

Please pray that the Kingdom of God would expand as the healing of Christ is poured over Ukrainian communities.

to disrupt the lives of more Ukrainians. The Czech society is feeling the strain of inflation at the grocery stores, the gas pumps and in their monthly energy costs, as well is with their overloaded schools and medical clinics. We at Greater Europe Mission desire to bring hope and healing to these displaced Ukrainians so that His Kingdom is expanding in and through the displaced Ukrainians.

Since February, Czech Republic

displaced Ukrainians per capita

has warmly welcomed more

welcome has been gradually

fading as the war continues



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DAY 12 CREATING PATHWAYS

When the war in Ukraine started, the first people to respond to the refugees fleeing their country were not the surrounding governments but the churches.

For Freedom has helped bring training and resources so churches can provide trauma care to those who have fled into their countries. As well as helping produce fliers and other materials to help Ukrainian refugees be able to understand basic information they need to know about being in their new place of residence. Pray for the many Ukrainians who find themselves scattered all over Europe.

Pray for the churches who have opened their doors to refugees. That they have the resources and training they need to share the love of Christ with those who have come to them for help.



FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS

Nadia crossed the border, traumatized and weary. She met TEAM workers who provided care and shelter. Nadia soon left for another location to make a new life but felt unwelcome and alone – a stranger in a strange land. She called TEAM workers and asked, "Can I come back where everyone loves me?"

Nadia's search for loving care is repeated in the lives of millions. The scale of refugee trauma is unimaginable but real. Pray for refugees to have spiritual and emotional needs met in addition to physical needs.

Pray for workers to have endurance as they help refugees find healing.



RAISING NEW WORKERS

Photo provided by Quest Academy

One of the largest barriers for churches and ministries who want to serve refugees is the language and culture gap. Yet, there are Christians who share the language and culture of the refugee communities who are already in Europe or want to come.

Quest Academy is looking to help close that gap by training and equipping Arabic and Farsi speakers to reach people with the gospel. Pray for our students. They come from all kinds of backgrounds and some are still in the refugee camps.

Pray for our teachers and mentors as they share their knowledge and time.



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Thank you for taking the time to work through this prayer guide. How is God calling you to respond?

There are opportunities to pray, to support projects ministering to refugees and migrants and to use your God-given gifts to go and serve.

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