As we start our journey through Advent, may we offer our prayers for all refugees and displaced persons.

Offer a prayer for all those, including refugees, who have been impacted by COVID-19, especially for families that have lost loved ones and feel the strain of separation.

During this time of social distancing, reflect on ways that you can still show solidarity with those who have been forced to flee.

The changing climate is affecting the livelihoods of many people across our globe. Offer a prayer for those displaced by climate change.

Reach out to your local parish, community center, or refugee resettlement agency. Inquire about opportunities to support refugee families. Or as you shop for holiday gifts, consider buying a refugee-made product.

Maria is a young mother who fled from Honduras to find a better life for her children. Offer a prayer for all young mothers like Maria who are searching for a better life for their children.

Many refugees that are resettled in the US do not arrive prepared for a colder climate. Consider connecting with a local agency to donate a winter coat that will supply families in need of winter clothing.

Read and reflect on Matthew 2:13-15 — Imagine being a part of this scene. How does it play out in modern day?

Most refugees are forced to make a split-second decision as they flee from their home. What one item would you grab if you were forced to flee your home?

On the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron Saint of the Americas, offer your prayers for all asylum seekers at the U.S.’s southern border that they may find safety, security, and refuge.

Reflect on these words from Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti: “Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarized by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate.” How can we live out these four words today?

Fleeing from your home is a traumatic experience. Offer a prayer for all those in need of psychosocial support and mental health care, and for their caregivers.

Offer a prayer for fair and safe access to education for children.

Offer a prayer for our teachers, who work to provide students with a quality education during this difficult time.

Offer a prayer for peace and reconciliation, that our divided communities may find healing.

From Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti: “I realize that some people are hesitant and fearful with regard to migrants... people are only fruitful and productive if they are able to develop a creative openness to others.” How can we move beyond our fears?

Join JRS in our prayer of the Holy Family, as we especially remember those who have been turned away in times of great need.

Offer a prayer for all school-aged refugee children, especially for those who are unable to attend school, especially during this global pandemic.

Offer a prayer for all those who serve refugees. May their work be blessed and continue to uphold the dignity of the most vulnerable among us.

Offer a prayer for our elected officials and urge them to demonstrate leadership on refugee issues.

Pray for our leaders and decision makers, that they may listen to the stories of refugees and that their policies may prioritize refugees.

As we await the birth of Jesus, offer a prayer for all children who have been separated from their parents. Pray for the reunification of all families.