

# An IFA Prayer Guide for the issue of Immigration

Lifting before the Lord the “least of these” (Mt 25:40)



## Praying about Immigration

Let's bring before the Lord the difficulties of the current immigration policy and the challenges of illegal immigration.

### Pray for the rule of law. ([Ex 18:20](#))

The current administration is complying with and enforcing the law, which is its constitutional duty and responsibility. **Pray for laws to be followed.**

### Pray our lawmakers would have wisdom to correct the problems with our current immigration system. ([Prv 19:20](#))

For example, the 2008 William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Prevention Reauthorization Act had the unintended consequence of encouraging families to put children in the hands of strangers as a way of gaining entrance into America. This law, and others, should be changed. **Pray for Congress to work together and have wisdom to correct this issue.**

### Pray for solutions to the difficult problem of millions of illegals in America. ([1 Cor 14:15](#))



Since 2013, the United States has admitted more than half a million illegal immigrant minors and family units from Central America, most of whom today are at large in the United States because of loopholes, like “catch and release,” in our federal immigration laws that prevent illegal immigrant minors and family members from being detained and removed to their home countries. **Pray for godly solutions to the difficult immigration issues that have mounted through the years. Pray for DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen (at left) and the leaders of other agencies working to solve the issues.**

### Pray for the protection of children. ([Ps 50:15](#))

In the past year there has been a 325% increase in unaccompanied alien children and a 435% increase in family units entering the country illegally. Word has gotten out that America automatically allows illegal border crossers with small children entrance into the country. This is incentive to use children to gain entrance and then traffic them after making it into the country. **Pray for heavenly insight for border patrol agents, advocates, and others with the ability to protect children from traffickers.**

### Pray for the government workers, court systems, and the lawyers who are dealing with the backlog of immigration cases. ([Mt 25:40](#))

In the last ten years, there has been a 1700% increase in asylum claims, resulting in a backlog of 600,000 cases—90% of those with scheduled immigration hearings do not even appear in court and are now somewhere in the U.S. **Pray for the employees and volunteers who work with illegal immigrants to have the help they need, seek to honor the law, and show mercy to those who need it.**

**Pray for the border patrol agents who witness horrible situations and try to balance justice with mercy. ([Mic 6:8](#))**

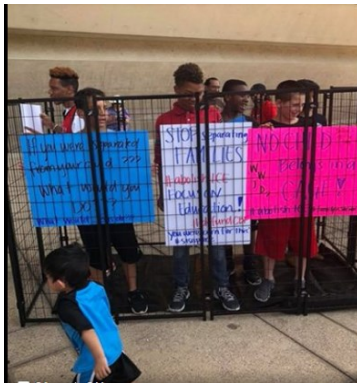


In each of the last three months, illegal immigration on our southern border exceeded 50,000 people. There are [first-hand reports](#) of a 12-year old girl coming alone to the border with Plan B abortion pills in her belongings, children who are travelling alone with nothing but a phone number written on their shirt, and children who are being used as props to gain entry by non-family members. The agents processing these people, many parents themselves, are the “first responders” to these heart-wrenching situations. **Pray for these agents who are threatened and maligned by protestors.**

**Pray children would not be used for evil purposes. ([Isa 40:28-31](#))**

Currently 10,000 of 12,000 children being retained away from the family have come alone or without a family member. In the last five months, adults and children arriving at the border fraudulently, claiming to be a family unit, have increased 314%. The most common reasons are child trafficking and ensuring entry for the adult. **Pray for protection for all the children, and particularly those who are in vulnerable situations.**

**Pray for the media to report the truth. ([Ps 19:8-9](#))**



The picture on the left is commonly associated with “children in cages.” It was actually the confused child of an open borders activist who could not find his way out of his mother’s temporary cage prop she set up for a protest (see picture on the right—child running outside cage at protest). There is a lot of disinformation as well as inflammatory reports and posts being shared. **Pray for truth to be spoken in the media, on social media, and by leaders.**

**Pray that people’s physical needs would be met. ([Mt 6:26](#))**

Resettlement provides meals, medical care, and educational services to these children, many receiving better care than in their home country. Parents can still communicate with their children through phone calls and video conferencing. Pray that these children are well cared-for in the temporary facilities.

Many of the points from this prayer guide are based upon:

- [Kristjen Nielsen’s comments](#) at White House briefing on 6/18/2018 <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/18/us/politics/dhs-kirstjen-nielsen-families-separated-border-transcript.html>
- [“13 Facts the Media “Pros” don’t want you to know about ‘family border separation’](#) by John Nolte
- [Article](#) by Benny Johnson of The Daily Caller: <http://dailycaller.com/2018/06/19/cnn-border-patrol-agent-speechless/>.

