

Justice Issues

Research an area you feel passionate about so you can pray in an informed way.

Some starters:

Pray for Refugees—Nearly 26 million refugees, approx. half of which are under 18 years, fleeing war or violence. 68% from 5 countries- Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar.(UNHCR) Seeking a home and safety.

Pray for those trapped in slavery of all types- estimated 40+ million people in slavery globally. More than ever before in history. Modern slavery is multibillion -pound industry, generating £100 billion annually. 1 in 4 victims of forced labour is a child. God knows how to tackle this- let's pray to Him for help.

Pray for International Justice Mission (IJM) working to end slavery, rescue and restore victims of it, and bring perpetrators to justice. website: <https://www.ijmuk.org/modern-slavery-and-trafficking>

Gender Inequality- especially in counties where women still have few rights. God values all equally.

Racial Injustice and Institutional racism- pray for all to be valued equally and differences celebrated rather than feared. Pray for healing in US where much racial division and fear.

Income Inequality, hunger and health poverty, homelessness - In our nation and others.

Children in Care awaiting a forever home and family. Almost 3000 children waiting for adoption in UK. 8000 new foster carers needed.

'A Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families.' Psalm 68.6

Countries where Christians are Persecuted-

Worst 5 countries (2020) :!) North Korea, 2) Afghanistan, 3) Somalia, 4) Libya, 5) Pakistan.
www.opendoorsuk.org/

2983 Christians were murdered because of their faith last year.

Praise- 60,000 North Korean Christians were given help through Chinese contacts via Open Doors last year.

And many other issues.....

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

'Rejoice Always, Pray without Ceasing, Be thankful in Everything'

It is easy for our hearts to get heavy or burdened when praying for world issues or upsetting issues. remember- God has called to pray because He wants to move, to intervene in situation. As you pray, you are making a difference, Be sure to leave the burden with God. You may want to symbolically do this by placing an item, perhaps a stone or similar....somewhere as a reminder that you have left the issues with Jesus – He is working on them- it is now your job to release them and focus on the present here and now, remembering 'The joy of the Lord is our strength'. We are called to live in joy and peace.

