

GLOBAL INSIGHTS

Touching our world through prayer



Psalm 57:1

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

The prayer, “Lord, have mercy,” is a confession of need—either my own need or someone else’s need. I may pray it as a confession of sin, but I may also say those words to acknowledge that I lack the resources to meet the need . And, as I pray, “Lord, have mercy,” for someone else, sometimes without knowing their specific need, I pray as a way of asking God to turn His attention toward a hurting or helpless person.

“Lord, have mercy,” will reflect and affirm an awareness (and hope) not only of God’s existence but also His proximity. He is there, He is near, and He is listening.

by Bob Hostetler

“LORD HAVE MERCY”

A time of reflection: Video - Heartbeat, a song for Syria

INTROSPECTIVE PRAYER

- For the eyes of God
- For the mind of Christ
- For a heart of compassion



2 Corinthians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

December 1997



29,6 MILLION

Forcibly displaced people worldwide

December 2021



84,2 MILLION

Forcibly displaced people worldwide

March 2022

Since December at least another **6.5 MILLION UKRAINIAN Internally Displaced People** were added to the numbers and **3.7 MILLION UKRAINIAN refugees** were added to the numbers **1 MILLION AFGHAN refugees** were also added to the numbers

95.2 MILLION Forcibly displaced people worldwide.

95,4 MILLION

Forcibly displaced people worldwide

GLOBAL DISPLACEMENT

The numbers



40 MILLION are children

42% of all displaced people



1 IN 90 PEOPLE

On earth is forcibly displaced



20TH IN SIZE

If it was a country, it would be the 20th biggest in the world

Video - #SyriaCrisis_ What would you take?



PRAYING FOR REFUGEES ON THE MOVE

- Pray for those making perilous journeys, fleeing from conflict and persecution.
- Pray particularly for children travelling in extremely dangerous conditions.
- Pray for safety as refugees travel on land and by sea.
- Ask God to protect refugees from human traffickers and others who seek to harm or take advantage of them.
- Pray for grace and strength for refugee mothers traveling with young children.
- Pray that unaccompanied refugee children will be reunited with their families.



Hamida from Myanmar

UKRAINE



10 MILLION - Displaced in one month

UKRAINE



3.7 MILLION are refugees

UKRAINE



90% of all refugees are women and children

PRAYING FOR REFUGEES AS THEY RESETTLE IN UNFAMILIAR PLACES

- Pray for peace in the refugee camps. Refugees live in constant uncertainty, never knowing how long they will be in one place and where they will go next. Without jobs and good future prospects, residents of these camps, especially young people, get easily bored and frustrated.
- Ask God to provide affordable housing for refugees in their host countries.
- Pray that refugees will be able to find stable jobs and provide for themselves and their families.
- Ask God to call believers to come alongside refugees to offer friendship and practical help.



Milana from Ukraine

SYRIA



13.5 MILLION - More than half of Syria's population is displaced

SYRIA



6.8 MILLION are refugees – the most in the world

SYRIA

A young boy with dark hair and a light-colored sweater is looking through a chain-link fence. His expression is one of concern or sadness. In the background, other people, including a man and another child, are visible, suggesting a crowded or restricted area. The lighting is natural, possibly from an overcast sky.

6.5 MILLION are children

PRAY FOR HEALING FROM TRAUMA

- Ask God to heal the hearts of refugees who've endured tragedy and trauma.
- Pray for comfort for refugees who've lost friends and family members.
- Pray for wisdom for workers and local believers as they offer trauma counseling, and other programs designed to help refugees process their experiences and begin to heal.
- Pray for children who have witnessed and experienced death and hardship on a multitude of levels – physically, mentally and emotionally



Siham from Syria

AFGHANISTAN



23 MILLION are in acute food insecurity

AFGHANISTAN



6 MILLION Afghans are internally displaced



AFGHANISTAN

Women and children make up 80% of all forcibly displaced people.

PRAY FOR LEADERS AND NATIONS

- Ask God to work in world events for His glory and the good of refugees.
- Pray for peace in war-torn nations
- Pray for sources of conflict to dissolve and safety and wholeness to be restored so families can live and thrive in their homes.
- Ask God to give wisdom to national and local leaders in nations accepting refugees.
- Pray for an end to the terror and violence that continue to drive innocent people from their homes.
- Ask God to continue to bring refugees to places where they can hear the gospel freely.



Hussein and Nazilla

SOUTH SUDAN



Nearly 40% of the 11 million population are displaced.

SOUTH SUDAN



6 MILLION people are in need of urgent humanitarian

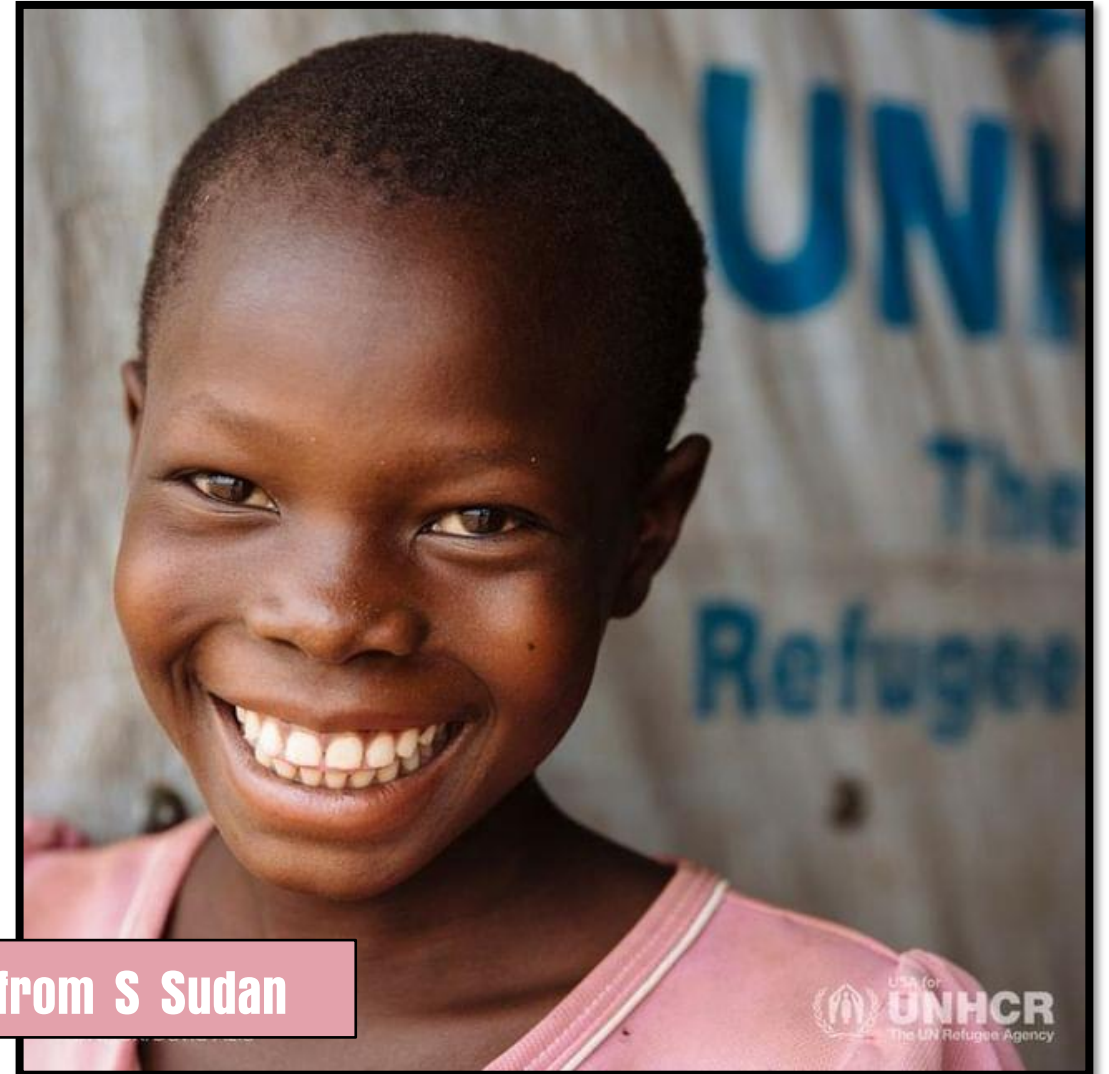
SOUTH SUDAN



63% of all refugees are under the age of 18.

PRAY FOR REDEMPTION

- Pray that refugees will turn to Christ.
- Pray for the gospel to go forth among refugees and for their lives to be restored spiritually, physically and emotionally.
- Praise God for using the refugee crisis to cause the hearts of many Muslims and other least-reached people to open to the gospel.
- Ask God to raise up more believers who speak refugees' languages to share the gospel with them.
- Pray that more churches will be established in refugee communities.



Saron from S Sudan

YEMEN



4 MILLION displaced – 79% women and children.

YEMEN



Sara from Yemen



16.2 MILLION Yemenis suffer from hunger, 5 million on the brink of starvation.

MYANMAR



Nur Fatima



1.2 MILLION Refugees

SOMALIA



790,000 refugees

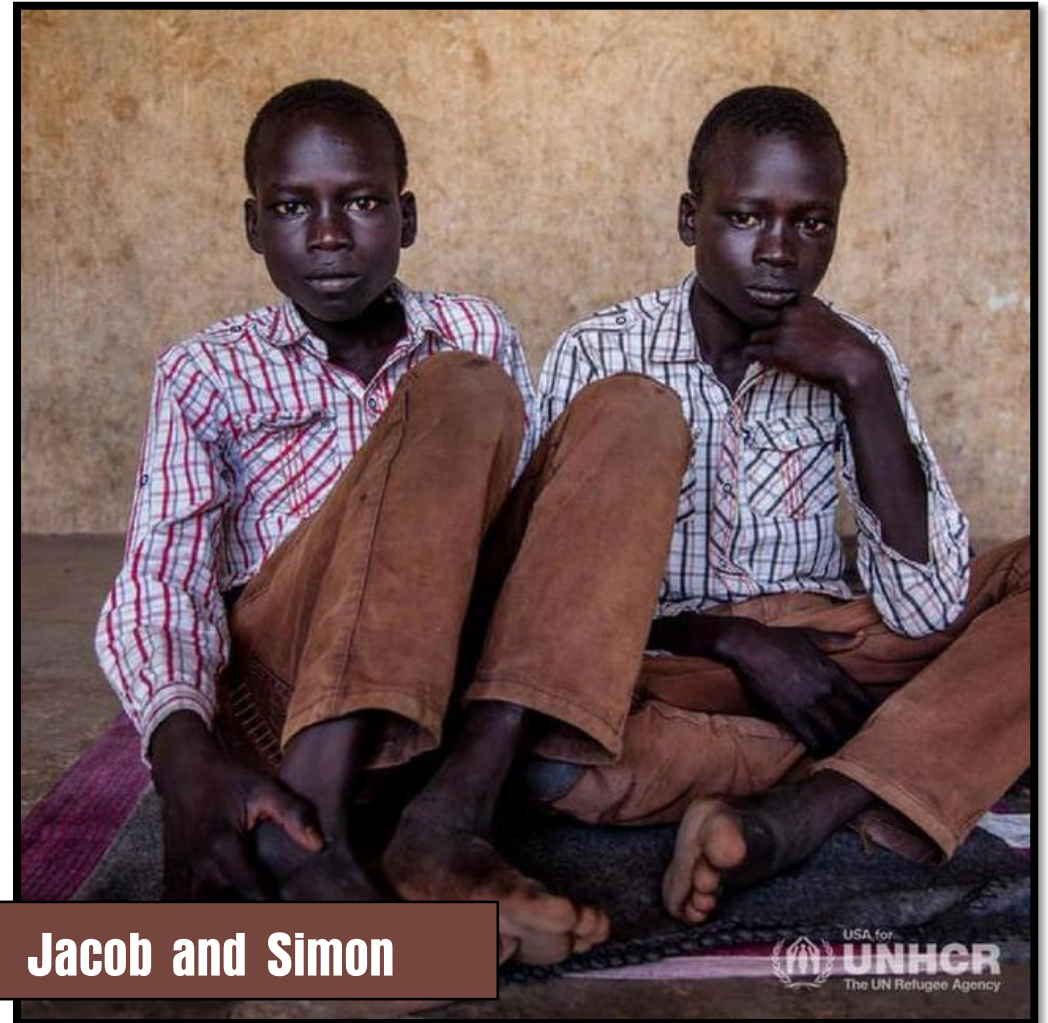
VENEZUELA



5,3 MILLION economic refugees

PRAY FOR CHURCHES REACHING OUT

- Pray for communities and organisations helping refugees. Pray they would be given wisdom and energy as they respond to families and children in great need.
- Pray that believers will see refugees as people God loves, and love them like He does.
- Ask God to give those working among refugees compassion and endurance when ministry is taxing.
- Pray for wisdom for cross-cultural workers and local pastors as they seek to use their resources wisely to meet refugees' needs.
- Ask God to call more believers to minister to refugees in their own neighborhoods and around the world.



Jacob and Simon



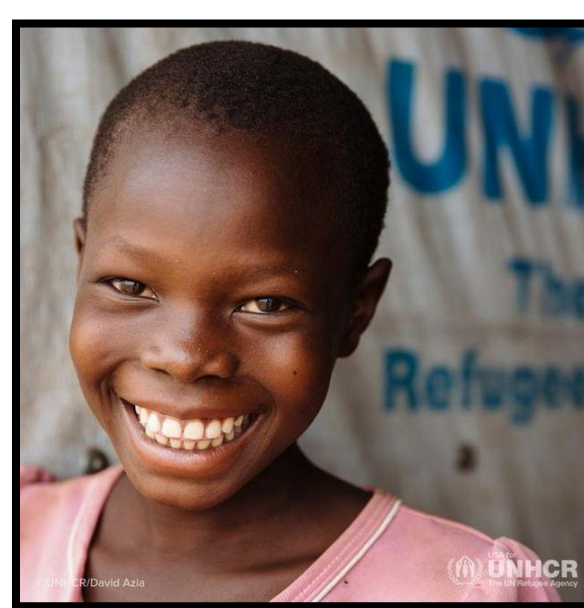
Siham from Syria

She fled Syria with her parents and six siblings back in 2012 and found refuge in Jordan's Za'atari refugee camp. Back in Dar'a, Siham's school was targeted by armed forces, forcing her and her siblings to drop out. When she moved to Za'atari, she was immediately excited to attend school once again



Hamida from Myanmar

Rohingya mother Hamida, age 25, holds her four-day-old baby boy and two-year-old son at a transit camp in Kutupalong, Bangladesh. Hamida went into labor after walking for 10 days straight in an effort to escape her village which was under attack in Myanmar



Saron from S Sudan

Saron is a refugee from Yei, South Sudan. She currently attends the Ofonze Primary School in Bidibidi refugee settlement in northern Uganda, where she studies everything from math to English.



Jacob and Simon

South Sudanese twins, Jacob and Simon, sit in their shelter in Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya. Back in South Sudan, the boys watched as their father and brother were killed by senseless violence. They leaned on each other for support as they walked for 21 days to reach safety in Kenya.



Hussein and Nazilla

Brother and sister Hussein and Nazilla were forced to flee their home in Baghlan, Afghanistan after violence overtook the city. They now live in a refugee camp in Vinjug where, despite the difficulty of life away from home, they always find a way to laugh and play.



Nur Fatima from

Nur Fatima, an 11 year-old Rohingya refugee, attends school in Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh. She excitedly tells us why school is so important to her. "Now I can read and write, I can help my siblings in their studies."



Milana from Ukraine

Six-year-old Milana, her mother Oleksandra, and her seven-month-old sister Polina were forced to seek shelter in a dormitory at Mukachevo State University in Ukraine. The family, including Oleksandra's mother Natalia and their two dogs, fled Kramatorsk in the Donetsk region due to increased shelling in their town.



Sara from Yemen

Thirteen-year-old Sara can now go back to school after UNHCR helped her attain her birth certificate. While out of the classroom, she collected bottles from the streets to support her family, who fled from Taizz to Amran in Yemen.