



**September 11 - 17 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**Texas 'Floating Border Wall' fails to deter migrants - WSJ**

**White House urges eligible immigrants to apply for work permits - NY Times**

**Lottery visa pgm closed for FY 2023, per State Department - Border Report**

**Court order temporarily allows TX floating barriers to remain - AP**

**US considering policy ordering migrants to stay in Texas - Washington Times**

**Undocumented immigrants in Minnesota can apply for driver's licenses in Oct - CNN**

**Washington DC concerned about ability to shelter migrants - Wash Post**

**Chicago plan aims to move migrants from police stations to tent encampments - AP**

**Pentagon extends troop stay at US - Mexico border - The Hill**

**Scorching heat is contributing to migrant deaths - NY Times**

**Smugglers are steering migrants into the remote AZ desert, posing new BP challenges – AP**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**God of our wandering ancestors, long have we known that your heart is with the refugee: that you were born into time in a family of refugees fleeing violence in their homeland, who then gathered up their hungry child and fled into an alien country. Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages: "Will you let me in?" Give us hearts that break open when our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry. Then surely all these things will follow: Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices. Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat. Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate. And hands will reach out—working for peace in their homeland, working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven. Lord, protect all refugees in their travels. May they find a friend in me and so make me worthy of the refuge I have found in you. Amen. (Catholic Relief Services)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to safeguard children in need and ensure communities have access to religious workers - <https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106758/Respond>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden: No family detention. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC to co-sign the Lift Your Bar Act. [https://act.nilc.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420\\_LTBA\\_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420_LTBA_NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden to fight the cruelties of Operation Lone Star - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-president-biden-to-fight-the-cruelties-of-operation-lone-star/>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:**

[https://act.niic.org/page/46080/action/1?ea\\_tracking.id=web](https://act.niic.org/page/46080/action/1?ea_tracking.id=web)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.**

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action - oppose proposed cuts to refugee funding.**

[https://www.jrsusa.org/take-action-to-oppose-proposed-cuts-to-refugee-funding/?utm\\_source=pardot&utm\\_medium=action-alert&utm\\_campaign=oppose-proposed-budget-cuts-2023](https://www.jrsusa.org/take-action-to-oppose-proposed-cuts-to-refugee-funding/?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=action-alert&utm_campaign=oppose-proposed-budget-cuts-2023)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS to reunite families separated by TX Gov Abbott now -**

<https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/abbott-lone-star/?t=2&akid=8582%2E853384%2E131WI>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand in solidarity with our Afghan neighbors -**

<https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/106755/Respond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support asylum seeker work authorization act -**

[https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en\\_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum\\_ban\\_2023-advo-full\\_file-1&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=EngagingNetworks&utm\\_campaign=230707\\_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization\\_Action\\_Remainder&utm\\_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true](https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=230707_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization_Action_Remainder&utm_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform -**

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to reunite refugee families now.**

<https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans at risk -**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

### **Action Three: Education**

**Texas 'Floating Border Wall' fails to deter migrants -** [https://www.wsj.com/world/americas/texas-floating-border-wall-fails-to-deter-migrants-75ebfcae?mod=hp\\_listb\\_pos3](https://www.wsj.com/world/americas/texas-floating-border-wall-fails-to-deter-migrants-75ebfcae?mod=hp_listb_pos3)

**Wisconsin's state daily industry depends on undocumented migrants who cannot legally drive**

<http://www.milwaukeeindependent.com/syndicated/wisconsins-catch-22-state-dairy-industry-depends-undocumented-immigrants-cannot-legally-drive/>

**Deported and no way back home -** <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2023/08/migrants-deportations-with-no-way-back-home/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=04e17aa9-54f7-4c38-92fa-a68b37ff7ad2>

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2023/08/migrants-deportations-with-no-way-back-home/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=04e17aa9-54f7-4c38-92fa-a68b37ff7ad2>

**Clogged courts worsen US immigration courts -** <https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/immigration-courts-years-long-backlog-illegal-immigration-c732d381>

**Biden admin fights to keep private immigration jails open despite promises -**

<https://immigrationimpact.com/2023/09/08/biden-keeps-private-immigration-jails-open-despite-promises/?emci=c3da123a-834e-ee11-a3f1-00224832e1ba&emdi=03632e53-e24f-ee11-a3f1-00224832e1ba&ceid=9493976>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY:** The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 715 am CT for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families. The prayer is led by Sr JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM. If anyone want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, they can contact Sr. JoAnn Persch at 773-597-5394 or [jpmrsm2@gmail.com](mailto:jpmrsm2@gmail.com)

**ICDI Monthly meetings:** Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT.

These meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving program updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@POTUS)** Cameroon is facing a dire humanitarian crisis, making it unsafe for Cameroonians in the US to return safely. The Biden admin can and MUST protect our communities by re-designating and extending TPS. **Thank you for your efforts!**