



**October 9 - 15, 2023**

## **What's Happening**

**Biden admin waives 26 fed'l laws to allow border wall construction in South TX - AP**

**US extends TPS to Cameroonian Immigrants - Reuters**

**Migrants pass quickly through once impervious Darien Gap as govts look for answers - AP**

**Mexico rejects new border wall plan after talks with US officials - Reuters**

**US to restart deportation to Venezuela in effort to reduce record border arrivals - CBS**

**Gov. Pritzker, Mayor Johnson ask Biden for more help on migrants - Chicago Trib**

**IL warned of arrival of 25 migrant buses per day as state pleads for fed'l help - NBC**

**Record 400k US bound migrants have trekked through the Darien Gap - NPR**

**Mexico Pres says 10,000 migrants head to US border a day, citing US sanctions - AP**

**No, migrants don't receive \$2,000 each month from the fed'l government - AP**

**Justice Dept detains thousands of immigrants as witnesses - NY Times**

**Mexico weighs new screening plan with US, UN to tackle migration - Bloomberg News**

## **Action One: Prayer**

**God of love and compassion, may we always recognize your spirit: in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence; in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables; in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families; in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world. Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us. Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need. Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat. Give us voices that fail to remain silent but which decide instead to advocate prophetically. Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure. Amen. (FAN)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to protect abused, abandoned immigrant children.**

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support policies that welcome asylum seekers and reject further militarization of the border - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-congress-to-support-policies-that-welcome-asylum-seekers-and-reject-the-further-militarization-of-the-border/>**

**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-advoc-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-advoc-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)

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**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 - Ask Biden and DHS Mayorkas to designate and re-designate TPS for Ethiopia, Syria, Pakistan and Democratic Rep of the Congo. [https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925\\_EG\\_Migration\\_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925_EG_Migration_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens. [https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j\\_kGpcM1\\_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679](https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j_kGpcM1_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform <https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth: <https://act.nilc.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 -- Demand Congress deliver a pathway to citizenship. <https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/?source=partner&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=53adde97-7900-4dd7-844d-b3e2a56cc5b4>**

### **Action Three: Education**

**Justice Dept detains thousands of immigrants as witnesses - [https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/03/us/doj-immigrant-witnesses-border.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=QtnAJbLUq8LD7NEoL\\_N7I2KGF6tBlw\\_1paXHie5RJN2eWP74ZqSbE1V4XcLNSd3nIU8LL2zylStC2AhmALILyJB8OggDVSIZwLC1-dT5gxrthAe839t8\\_4gdFg90fhy3dsO0waJzhfOKXVB4IAkY61YWMn-6kVy97bsGK2MgSwxKqQOJS8XDAAd7Yl5OuoOviclaluGJ3\\_mLLfk43OsZvUV0wP51o05wNshQ3UyalSi\\_JLI0r\\_5VAcDVWU0yEfl7w6qBlmDQzoqrjBMLDWBaBZtfzZk4\\_kIDs6afsCZUctyuEmDNO3fhNd3odUyYS8\\_WiYJlr-dP\\_u4gjYC6D\\_xyWSQdQ&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/03/us/doj-immigrant-witnesses-border.html?unlocked_article_code=QtnAJbLUq8LD7NEoL_N7I2KGF6tBlw_1paXHie5RJN2eWP74ZqSbE1V4XcLNSd3nIU8LL2zylStC2AhmALILyJB8OggDVSIZwLC1-dT5gxrthAe839t8_4gdFg90fhy3dsO0waJzhfOKXVB4IAkY61YWMn-6kVy97bsGK2MgSwxKqQOJS8XDAAd7Yl5OuoOviclaluGJ3_mLLfk43OsZvUV0wP51o05wNshQ3UyalSi_JLI0r_5VAcDVWU0yEfl7w6qBlmDQzoqrjBMLDWBaBZtfzZk4_kIDs6afsCZUctyuEmDNO3fhNd3odUyYS8_WiYJlr-dP_u4gjYC6D_xyWSQdQ&smid=url-share)**

**Mexico feeling the pressure of migration from South America - [https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/21/world/americas/mexico-migrants-darien-gap.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=28PQSVsEsreQ56ncYd23YLc-XinL54PdhpKMBsChxjak9LIByk22qUMf4UFDfPZ5wyhsqG6dXEH2dMRoMrVVHBeCqSjwSdBd9t3\\_hrMQzvxv9vZFAvbykdylyC1P1PteojwNi6FAUHBlAUWou\\_kcRsQ43Nbg68PBPLsSUuizMytUtvEik4oi8bT4TIXD4iZezeAbwk-1zeBPM0RZPu0qdxFj0qowNLveo7Ilp0TbMM1Ep-GeZgFlqWwSPJb85VRfhAngi8yBP6IXsBCAAPyhFCITa7GF9tI3KKn0fi-1NnvoifqMUSbzBe\\_-XkDLWGUHtEjCmOcGsXZARRyaTuRKYfeAXxM6Gk-kDD&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/21/world/americas/mexico-migrants-darien-gap.html?unlocked_article_code=28PQSVsEsreQ56ncYd23YLc-XinL54PdhpKMBsChxjak9LIByk22qUMf4UFDfPZ5wyhsqG6dXEH2dMRoMrVVHBeCqSjwSdBd9t3_hrMQzvxv9vZFAvbykdylyC1P1PteojwNi6FAUHBlAUWou_kcRsQ43Nbg68PBPLsSUuizMytUtvEik4oi8bT4TIXD4iZezeAbwk-1zeBPM0RZPu0qdxFj0qowNLveo7Ilp0TbMM1Ep-GeZgFlqWwSPJb85VRfhAngi8yBP6IXsBCAAPyhFCITa7GF9tI3KKn0fi-1NnvoifqMUSbzBe_-XkDLWGUHtEjCmOcGsXZARRyaTuRKYfeAXxM6Gk-kDD&smid=url-share)**

**IL Governor tells Biden migrant influx is 'untenable' [https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/02/us/pritzker-biden-chicago-migrants.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=20FSog6y0KKso5FRmk2QZfdl5HmyUXI5odfQ7zcbSTSHccft77zaf5kUrZtSUu-zhgfinauUuiOeyOia4beSOYh3NPFIEUB6KdphTKQwTITfBchLAHRSM6XxpNaAhC99i8IU126BU8YhkmJTBhpr2yA3HiYAvamENKceQ07z\\_hifYsPzAikaOmlVocz63\\_giaqmjzHXQ95QqUBDjvC4e6HY340dLdA2B\\_EMDzEAveE8RZWFHUneoL7jJXZ1VY2TvCmlgcCnX7AiK5hKyH2plvb9q6sJcNAOaJsx9N-40YbuGXPFEyZpZXIzOWVcYaxnyYturvCtDawFyHX5pCcyRimGWJQzY&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/02/us/pritzker-biden-chicago-migrants.html?unlocked_article_code=20FSog6y0KKso5FRmk2QZfdl5HmyUXI5odfQ7zcbSTSHccft77zaf5kUrZtSUu-zhgfinauUuiOeyOia4beSOYh3NPFIEUB6KdphTKQwTITfBchLAHRSM6XxpNaAhC99i8IU126BU8YhkmJTBhpr2yA3HiYAvamENKceQ07z_hifYsPzAikaOmlVocz63_giaqmjzHXQ95QqUBDjvC4e6HY340dLdA2B_EMDzEAveE8RZWFHUneoL7jJXZ1VY2TvCmlgcCnX7AiK5hKyH2plvb9q6sJcNAOaJsx9N-40YbuGXPFEyZpZXIzOWVcYaxnyYturvCtDawFyHX5pCcyRimGWJQzY&smid=url-share)**

### **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/tZwsde2spiotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Sec/Rep)** We ask Congress to make this faithful call to be champions for our most vulnerable and advance refugee protection at home and around the world. Let's figure this out and help others fleeing for their safety. **Thank you for your efforts!**