



**August 24 - 30, 2020**

### **What's Happening?**

**Border crossing down dramatically since 2019 - Albuquerque Journal**

**Judge rules outside medical expert can visit VA immigrant detention center - AP**

**LA County Sheriff's Dept. bans ICE transfers - Miami Herald**

**Immigrant Dreamers in search of a job area being turned away - NY Times**

**NYPD creates Asian hate crime task force after spike in anti-Asian attacks during Covid19 pandemic - CNN**

**Migrants in Mexico used self-imposed 'house arrest' for safety - KRQE.com**

**El Paso recognized for humanitarian work with migrants - El Paso Times**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Dear Lord, for all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity. For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen (USCCB)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to Mitch McConnell: Honor John Lewis's legacy and bring the Voting Rights Advancement Act to a floor vote. [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-mitch-mcconnell-honor-john-lewiss-legacy-and-bring-the-voting-rights-advancement-act-to-a-floor-vote?source=20200730\\_VRAA\\_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllvotingrights2020%3Frefcode%3D20](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-mitch-mcconnell-honor-john-lewiss-legacy-and-bring-the-voting-rights-advancement-act-to-a-floor-vote?source=20200730_VRAA_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllvotingrights2020%3Frefcode%3D20)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Trump admin fully restore the DACA program. DACA is critical for families. [https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/daca-is-critical-program-for-families-we-need-to-defend-it?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-on-protect-daca-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_888931&email\\_subject=add-your-name-make-daca-work](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/daca-is-critical-program-for-families-we-need-to-defend-it?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-on-protect-daca-2&email_referrer=email_888931&email_subject=add-your-name-make-daca-work)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to pass the Dream and Promise Act (HR 6) and reduce funding for ICE and CBP. [http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/DACA-SCOTUS-response/?t=8&referring\\_akid=2223.48167.GScxWI](http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/DACA-SCOTUS-response/?t=8&referring_akid=2223.48167.GScxWI)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this petition to Congress to stop funding ICE detention centers now! [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-congress-stop-funding-ice-detention-centers-immediately?source=2020DefundICEDetentionCenters\\_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D2020DefundICE&link\\_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_876510&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_876510&email\\_subject=signatures-needed-no-more-taxpayer-dollars-to-detention-centers](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-congress-stop-funding-ice-detention-centers-immediately?source=2020DefundICEDetentionCenters_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D2020DefundICE&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_876510&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_876510&email_subject=signatures-needed-no-more-taxpayer-dollars-to-detention-centers)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand that Congress and the next President enact a plan to combat Covid19 and prevent future pandemics.** [https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-enact-a-plan-to-combat-covid-19-and-prevent-future-pandemics?source=2020PandemicPrevention\\_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdckovid19relief%3Frefcode%3D2020SWPandemicPrevention&link\\_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_889076&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_889076&email\\_subject=re-pandemic-plan-in-statefull-default-your-state](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-enact-a-plan-to-combat-covid-19-and-prevent-future-pandemics?source=2020PandemicPrevention_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdckovid19relief%3Frefcode%3D2020SWPandemicPrevention&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_889076&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_889076&email_subject=re-pandemic-plan-in-statefull-default-your-state)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to include life-saving assistance to impoverished countries fighting the spread of Covid19 in the stimulus package.** <https://maryknollofficeforglobalconcerns.salsalabs.org/ForeignAssistanceFundingLastSupplPackage/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1cf52cf2-1fe3-4ac5-9f79-561954926fb7>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to include Puerto Rico in the next stimulus package. We need to support Puerto Rico's demands for a just recovery and economic stimulus -** [https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-include-puerto-rico-in-the-next-covid-19-stimulus-package?link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_881833&email\\_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-include-puerto-rico-in-the-next-covid-19-stimulus-package?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package-2&email_referrer=email_881833&email_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send a petition to your US Senator. Make sure to include undocumented immigrants in Covid relief cash assistance.** [https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/letters/petition-your-us-senator-thank-you-for-fighting-to-include-undoc-immigrants-in-covid-relief-cash-assistance?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-quick-signature-needed-thank-your-democratic-senator-for-doing-the-right-thing-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_879320&email\\_subject=take-action-undocumented-immigrants-must-be-included-in-stimulus-payments](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/letters/petition-your-us-senator-thank-you-for-fighting-to-include-undoc-immigrants-in-covid-relief-cash-assistance?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-quick-signature-needed-thank-your-democratic-senator-for-doing-the-right-thing-2&email_referrer=email_879320&email_subject=take-action-undocumented-immigrants-must-be-included-in-stimulus-payments)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - We call on you to fulfill your moral and Constitutional responsibilities: expand the COVID-19 emergency provisions to care for us all and enact our Moral Agenda immediately. Please sign this petition:** [https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/this-pandemic-demands-a-systemic-response-an-urgent-message-from-the-poor-people-s-campaign?link\\_id=0&can\\_id=298a8737d541e240eadc8e3a6f562f48&source=email-poverty-amidst-pandemic-a-moral-response-to-covid-19&email\\_referrer=email\\_753563&email\\_subject=poverty-amidst-pandemic-a-moral-response-to-covid-19&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d6b12eee-e12c-4391-8536-f3671861b65f](https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/this-pandemic-demands-a-systemic-response-an-urgent-message-from-the-poor-people-s-campaign?link_id=0&can_id=298a8737d541e240eadc8e3a6f562f48&source=email-poverty-amidst-pandemic-a-moral-response-to-covid-19&email_referrer=email_753563&email_subject=poverty-amidst-pandemic-a-moral-response-to-covid-19&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d6b12eee-e12c-4391-8536-f3671861b65f)

### **Action Three: Education**

**ICE detainee in Newark claims retaliation for exposing poor medical conditions -** <https://gothamist.com/news/ice-detainee-newark-claims-retaliation-exposing-poor-medical-conditions>

**Dismantling and reconstructing the US immigration system: A catalog of changes under Trump presidency -** <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/us-immigration-system-changes-trump-presidency>

**Film documents four children's asylum quest in a broken system -** <https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/documentary-follows-four-childrens-asylum-quest-broken-us-system>

**"Lives in Limbo" - Book tells how undocumented youth live in limbo -** <https://harvardmagazine.com/2020/07/features-roberto-gonzales>

**Why do Americans think immigration means more crime? (audio) -** <https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2020/0817/Why-do-Americans-think-more-immigration-means-more-crime-audio>

**How black immigrant Mainers are fighting Covid19 -** <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/how-black-immigrant-mainers-are-fighting-covid-19>

**Brooklyn pastor is life savior for undocumented immigrants -** <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/08/24/the-renegade-priest-helping-undocumented-people-survive-the-pandemic>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email [hello@icdichicago.org](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request.

**Action Five: Social Media: (@ Sen/Rep) Love for my neighbor means working to protect the Post Office. Congress needs to pass the Delivering for America Act (H.R. 8015) to make sure the Postal Service gets the funds they need to operate. Thank you for all your efforts**