

23. Burundi refugees returning after years in Tanzania. Widows or women who married foreigners return with nothing and are rejected in their communities because they have no husband to speak for them, which is the local custom. Pray that they will find love and acceptance by Christians willing to live like Jesus.

24. Child refugees who need shelter, clothing, food and education. Many children born in their host country are treated as outcasts. Some are not allowed to attend school or, after years in a host country, are forced to return to a country and language they don't know.

25. Physical, emotional and spiritual healing for the women and children in Darfur, Sudan, who have experienced horrible acts of violence (torture, rape, mutilation and death of loved ones), as well as starvation and disease.

26. Integrity and dignity for the UN peacekeepers, who are called to protect many of the 15 million refugees and 27 million internally displaced persons worldwide. Pray that they will not abuse the young women and girls.

27. Women refugees who are well-trained at a profession, like nursing, must study to receive local certification. Pray that as they attend school, sometimes at night, their children will be safe.

28. Generosity and integrity to fill "all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (I Timothy 2:2). Don't forget the power of prayer! "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord: he turns it wherever he will" (Prov. 21:1).

29. Central Asian Christians who have left their countries because of religious persecution. Pray that they will find believers who will love them and welcome them.

30. Each refugee, who is loved by God and who is estranged from family, culture, language and everything familiar and is looking for the hope of a new life.

31. Refugees and internally displaced people who experience horror piled upon horror as they try to find a safe place for their families to live.

At a new Hannah's House in Europe, several women gather to befriend the refugee ladies from Serbia, Iraq, Iran and Ukraine who come to the weekly meetings. Some are regular visitors and some show up to see what's going on. Coffee, tea and baked bread are enjoyed while they discuss topics like dreams, friendship and motherhood. They share their life stories with each other, stories of difficulties and hope that bring both laughter and tears. Several of the women say they feel relief when they share what has happened to them. God is eager to touch their lives.

At the end of each meeting, intercession is offered to the women who want someone to pray for them. A woman from Iran, who has followed another religion her whole life, asked about intercession the first time she came to Hannah's House. Two weeks later she exclaimed with joy, "God has answered all my prayers!" She had found an apartment and a job. She was baptized, attends church and reads her Bible as much as possible. She said, "Now I want to live as a Christian." Freedom to choose is an amazing gift.

This Hannah's House will soon show the Mary Magdalena film, and they will continue to drink tea, talk about life and pray for one another. Prayer does make a difference!

Worldwide there are over 43 million refugees and internally displaced people who have been forced to relocate because of war, persecution, starvation or natural disasters. While traveling to escape, and even in the refugee camps, they are vulnerable to disease, rape, slavery, starvation and death. They are seeking safety and truth, and they need a friend.

"When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him" (Leviticus 19:33).

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Praying for
WOMEN REFUGEES

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Please pray for ...

1. Refugee mothers trying to care for their families in war-torn areas with limited supplies of food, clean water, electricity and sanitation. Many deaths are caused by dehydration and diarrhea from cholera, which is spread through contaminated water used in bathing and preparing food.
2. God's wisdom for the writers, translators and producers of Project Hannah's (PH) *Women of Hope* (WoH) programs in over 55 languages as they provide material that will help refugees far from home hear of God's love.
3. Praise the Lord for the many refugees who accept Christ when for the first time in their lives they are able to hear about God's love and about His gift of salvation. The freedom to choose what they believe is new to them. Pray that they will make wise choices.
4. The 470,000 refugees in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya, the largest refugee camp in the world that was built to accommodate 90,000 people. Around 1,000 more starving refugees from Somalia arrive every day.
5. The over 60,000 Eritrean refugees in various refugee camps across Ethiopia, and for those from Somalia seeking refuge from starvation and killings in their country where there is no government.
6. Leaders of African nations to demand that abusive governments be held accountable for the attacks on the innocent, and for the misuse of the natural riches (oil, diamonds, etc.) and finances received from relief organizations.
7. The people of countries that have been swarmed with thousands of refugees but struggle to provide for their own families.
8. Mothers and daughters in some refugee camps who must live in rooms with single men. It is helpful if a woman is married, but often they don't even know if

their husband is alive. Pray for girls who arrive alone because their mothers died during their escape.

9. Women working in Hannah's Houses in Europe reaching out to refugees seeking asylum. Pray that these refugees from the Middle East, Africa and Europe will find a safe place, friendship and accept God's gift of salvation. "I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35).
10. Refugees who return home, only to find their city in ruins and their homes destroyed. Pray that governments will finance new construction of roads, homes, schools and hospitals so many can work and provide for their families.
11. The 140,000 refugees from Myanmar, mostly Karen, who live in refugee camps in Thailand, some for as long as 20 years. Around 70 percent of the Karen are Buddhist or animist, and about 25 percent are Christian. Pray that the Sgaw Karen WoH program will bring comfort and peace to their troubled lives.
12. North Korean women who seek refuge in China to escape starvation, but still face lives of slavery and prostitution in order to survive. Pray that they will not be sent back to North Korea where they may be executed or sent to a prison camp. Pray for the Christians in North Korea who risk everything to listen to the WoH programs because they are their lifeline to God's Word.
13. Food and humanitarian aid to reach the people who really need it, rather than being used by those who have plenty.
14. Listeners of WoH to know the love of God and the power of His grace (Romans 5:8).
15. Women in refugee camps to acquire skills through vocational training and opportunities to set up small businesses to improve their level of living.
16. The thousands of young girls who flee the violence of repeated rapes in Laos and Myanmar and who are

caught up in sex slavery in Thailand. Pray that they will find a safe home in shelters where they can get job training and receive words of hope as they listen to the Burmese, Sgaw Karen and Thai WoH programs.

17. God's Spirit to move throughout war-torn countries, healing hearts and minds and restoring families. Pray that the survivors of massacres, ethnic cleansing, civil wars, civilian unrest, faction struggles, religious and political conflicts and wars of independence will work together to bring healing and peace for their children.
18. Vietnamese refugees, Montagnards (a Christian minority group), who are hiding in the jungles in Cambodia. Pray for those who have been relocated to other countries as they face culture shock and are forced to learn new ways and languages.
19. Families that have been separated, not knowing if members are still alive. Even after finding lost loved ones, they cannot reunite because they will lose the financial assistance and will not be able to survive together without it.
20. Women who marry older abusive men because they cannot survive on their own in a foreign country and if they return home they face certain abuse or death.
21. Safety for Afghanistan's refugees as they return to their country. After freedom and education in their host country, many women are once again forced to serve as slaves to in-laws and are forbidden to continue their education if they live outside Kabul. Often these women commit suicide to escape their tortured lives.
22. Vietnamese refugees in Cambodia to have the opportunity to hear about God's love for them by listening to CDs of TWR and PH programs in their heart language. Pray for women and girls in danger of being used as prostitutes to earn money for their families.