**Serving Others in God’s Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018**

**Day 5 - June 26**

**Pray**

That the Lord would protect all migrants and refugees,

and that all those who work with people on the move would be free to serve.

**Reflect**

The [Church has long sought to serve the unique needs of “people on the move,”](https://soundcloud.com/usccbclips/usccb-first-freedom-podcast-episode-6-the-bishops-and-migration-w-todd-scribner?in=usccbclips/sets/usccb-first-freedom-podcast) from providing for basic needs, to assisting with resettlement, to offering legal services to help newcomers navigate the system of their host country. The Church provides exceptional service in this area and plays an indispensable role in our nation’s immigration and refugee resettlement system. In recent years, Christian services have faced legal attacks, because the Church refuses to facilitate abortions for the children who come under our care. Groups like the ACLU set up a perverse dilemma, trying to force the Church to choose between unborn children and migrant children. By defending religious freedom, we are saying that we refuse to make such a choice.

**Act**

The USCCB’s Justice for Immigrants Campaign is an effort to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic entities and people of goodwill in support of immigration reform. To learn more about the Church’s work with migrants and refugees, get news, resources, and action alerts from Justice for Immigrants at [justiceforimmigrants.org/](http://justiceforimmigrants.org/).