



Write a "Care Bear Prayer" to Elected Officials

Asylum seeking families and children need our voices to urge for humanitarian-focused policies that welcome them with care, mercy, and protection. We ask for policies that allow them to remain as a family unit outside of detention centers or be reunited with family members in the United States as quickly as possible. We want to share the story of God's loving welcome and justice!

People of all ages can engage their civic rights and reach out to elected officials about their thoughts and concerns. It is important that elected officials hear from current voters and future voters, since they are tasked to care for all of their constituents' concerns. This activity invites all ages to participate in urging legislators to find ways to receive families and children with compassionate and humanitarian-centered methods. Write your prayers via this activity.

The advocacy activity:

1. Print and cut out the teddy bear picture
2. Write the following suggested message on the front:
"We care about migrant families and children. We pray you do too!"
3. On the back:
 - a. Write a personal prayer for the health & safety of migrant families and children
 - b. Write a personal prayer that expresses hopes for what legislators will do to protect families and children
4. Return your Care Bear Prayer to Ashley Martinage by Monday June 14, either by mail or by dropping it at her house
 - a. Address: 5018 Yorktown Blvd, Arlington VA 22207
5. Also! Take a picture with your favorite teddy bear and email it to Ashley
 - a. Ashley@rockspringucc.org
 - b. Please put "Teddy Bear picture" in the subject line
6. Tune in to worship on World Refugee Day, Sunday June 20, to see all our Care Bear Prayers AND our teddy bear pictures!
7. On June 21, we will mail the prayers to Virginia's US Senators