



**January 6 – 12, 2020**

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

**ICE signs contracts extending private immigration detention centers ahead of California ban - LA Times**

**Customs and Border Patrol formalize border medical plan after migrants die - AP**

**Immigration judge grants New Haven teen's asylum request - CNN**

**French man has died in hospital while in ICE custody - Buzz News Feed**

**Gov. DeWine to Trump: Ohio will accept refugees - Cincinnati Enquirer**

**US seeks review of state DMV laws on immigration enforcement - AP**

**Trump winery retained undocumented workers until end of harvest - Newsweek**

**Border stops for people of Iranian descent spark outrage - Politico**

**Private prison group sues CA over new law banning privately run detention centers - SF Chronicle**

**Trump signs defense bill giving Liberians pathway to citizenship - MShale**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice: For those who are discriminated against because of their race, color or religion; For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression; For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth; For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship; For those deprived of reasonable health and education; For those suffering from hunger and famine; For those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them; For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it. We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice. Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice. Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical by washing their feet. (Mother Teresa)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action: Call the Capitol and Urge No War with Iran. Call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Urge your elected officials to do their best to halt any escalation of these actions as we want No War With Iran.**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: No War with Iran! Congress has not authorized military engagement with Iran, but have repeatedly failed to halt the administration's march toward war. Congress has the power to prevent war and return our nation to the path of diplomacy. Urge Congress to support H.R. 2354 and S. 1039, legislation to prohibit unauthorized war with Iran! [https://cgrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?1&engagementId=500606&utm\\_campaign=lam&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ak](https://cgrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?1&engagementId=500606&utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: Stop Trump's payday lending corruption. Crack down on payday lenders.** <https://act.credoaction.com/sign/trump-payday-lending-corruption?t=5&akid=35403%2E2678758%2E0bVVKb>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: denounce Trump's withdrawal from Paris Climate Agreement.** [https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-denounce-trumps-withdrawal-from-the-paris-climate-agreement?source=2019DenounceParisWithdraw\\_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=319ec5f5-48f2-4d9e-86d4-606274af3624](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-denounce-trumps-withdrawal-from-the-paris-climate-agreement?source=2019DenounceParisWithdraw_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=319ec5f5-48f2-4d9e-86d4-606274af3624)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: demand Congress address environmental racism.** [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-address-environmental-racism-and-climate-equity?source=2019ClimateEquity\\_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=4b9fc39b-2d68-4fc0-b8c1-f067354b699a](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-address-environmental-racism-and-climate-equity?source=2019ClimateEquity_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=4b9fc39b-2d68-4fc0-b8c1-f067354b699a)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to repeal Trump's tax cuts for the rich and corporations.** [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/take-action-tell-congress-to-repeal-trumps-tax-cuts-for-the-rich-and-corporations-2?source=direct\\_link&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=298a8737d541e240eadc8e3a6f562f48&email\\_referrer=email\\_681004\\_subject\\_893134&email\\_subject=take-action-tell-congress-to-repeal-trumps-tax-cuts-for-the-rich-and-corporations&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=8a409edd-57ad-4c78-b427-01eed84c2a7a](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/take-action-tell-congress-to-repeal-trumps-tax-cuts-for-the-rich-and-corporations-2?source=direct_link&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&link_id=1&can_id=298a8737d541e240eadc8e3a6f562f48&email_referrer=email_681004_subject_893134&email_subject=take-action-tell-congress-to-repeal-trumps-tax-cuts-for-the-rich-and-corporations&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=8a409edd-57ad-4c78-b427-01eed84c2a7a)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Climate change affects us all. Take action - sign the petition urging the Senate to act on climate change.** <https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/InternationalClimateActioncopy3/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ed3708da-a5a1-406e-8483-545d282c3893>

### **Action Three: Education**

**How ICE uses social media to surveil and arrest immigrants -** <https://theintercept.com/2019/12/22/ice-social-media-surveillance/>

**"It is beyond cruel." ICE refuses to reunite girl with only family she has left -** <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/dec/21/it-is-beyond-cruel-ice-refuses-to-reunite-girl-with-the-only-family-she-has-left>

**The outlook for immigration in 2020 -** <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/01/06/the-outlook-on-immigration-in-2020/#21743ad33abd>

**How Trump created a new global capital of exiles -** <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2020/01/05/trump-tijuana-extracontinentales-immigrants-093223>

**Army officer says his mother's deportation is 'completely inhumane' -** <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/05/us/us-army-mother-ice-deportation.html#click=https://t.co/52uFhdSLQv>

**A dark side of Ellis Island history -** <https://time.com/5752116/ellis-island-immigration-detention-center/>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL**

**Join in prayer vigil at the immigration processing center to provide public witness and accompaniment to those about to be deported. First Fridays are Interfaith Services; other Fridays center on the Catholic Rosary DIRECTIONS: from Loop, take I-290 west to south 25th Ave, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington, left at Beach St.**

**Interfaith Prayer Service - "Becoming a Community of Hope" - Sunday, Jan 12, 2020** at 4pm at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave, Chicago, 60641. Please join Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants as they reflect on sharing the journey with prayer, song and reflections by mbrs of diverse faiths and communities. Free parking. For info, contact [mgsosch@viatorians.com](mailto:mgsosch@viatorians.com)

**Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep)** It is imperative that our local communities continue to provide a warm and welcoming presence to newcomers. More than 40% of America's largest companies were founded either by immigrants or the children of immigrants.

**Thank you for all your efforts!**