



To Be at Peace

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This week pray for:

The On-going Mis-treatment of Children and parents by immigration authorities at The U.S. Border. Many of these families are fleeing violence and persecution in Central America. Their safety is not certain if they are returned to their place of origin. The immigration authorities continue to try to coerce or force people to deny that they have legitimate asylum claims. Many children taken from their parents have still not been returned to them.

Pray for those who are sick – especially those who's illness could have been prevented. 41,000 people in Europe have contracted measles since January 1 this year. That is more cases than Europe has had in any whole year so far this decade. Half of the cases are in Ukraine where a Russian backed insurgency has raged for 4 years. 37 people have died of the measles. Failure to vaccinate children is the cause of the epidemic.

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