

*'In the heart
of the family,
no one is rejected.'*

—POPE FRANCIS

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CARING FOR OUR GLOBAL FAMILY
INSPIRING QUOTES BY POPE FRANCIS





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As we celebrate the World Meeting of Families, we welcome Pope Francis and honor our Catholic heritage of solidarity with the poor. The Catholic Church has a longstanding history of caring for our neighbors next door—as well as those we will never meet.

Through the generosity of our Catholic family, widows are cared for. Families fleeing conflict find comfort and welcoming arms. Babies survive past age 5, and grow healthy and strong. Farmers learn new techniques, reaping greater yields, so they can feed their families. Communities learn to support their own, strengthening and loving the neediest.

We're excited to share these beautiful pictures and inspiring quotes that demonstrate the values of our global Catholic family.

Thank you for embracing our global family!



we need each other

**‘Feel the warmth of
being God’s family.’**

—POPE FRANCIS

There’s something about needing and supporting each other—after all, we’re all part of God’s family, even when we’re thousands of miles apart. After Typhoon Haiyan hit, your gifts helped us provide immediate shelter for families in the Philippines—and ensured that they would eventually have permanent, well-built homes. So when the next typhoon hit, the houses stood strong. Even better, lives were saved.

***Thank you for giving, praying and
advocating for our global family.***





we are responsible for our family

**‘The smallest, the weakest,
the poorest soften us: they
have the “right” to take our
heart and soul.’**

—POPE FRANCIS



Sometimes God puts people in our path that we can help—if only for a moment while they rest on their journey north. Your gifts help children like these who have been forced to leave their homes in the Middle East.

Thank you for helping others give back.



our family in poverty

‘We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.’

—POPE FRANCIS

Living in extreme poverty can affect children the most. In Tuixoque village, Guatemala, chronic malnutrition in children under age 5 cause high death rates. Your gifts help mothers learn how to make homemade medicine for their children and give farmers greater access to food for their families.

Thank you for helping others give back.

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our persecuted family

**‘To serve means to recognize
and welcome the demands
for justice, for hope, and
to seek ways together,
a concrete path
of liberation.’**

—POPE FRANCIS


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Throughout history, many people have been forced to flee their countries because of ethnic and religious persecution. This Yazidi woman fled to a CRS-supported refugee camp in northern Syria after being threatened with death by ISIS.

***Thank you for supporting those who have lost
family members and homes.***



our suffering family



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**‘The Church, as a mother,
can never be blind to the
sufferings of her children.’**

—POPE FRANCIS

Many mothers and fathers don’t have access to good health care for their children—and many children don’t live past age 5. But your gifts make a difference in many countries around the world. Thanks to you, mothers are learning how to improve their newborns’ nutrition. And they’re using mosquito nets to protect their children against malaria.

***Thank you for bringing health care
to our global family.***

A photograph of a young girl with dark skin and short hair, wearing a pink and yellow striped tank top. She is holding a baby in a light blue shirt against her chest. They are standing in front of a wall made of cracked, dry mud. The text 'our broken family' is overlaid in a blue script font.

our broken family

**'It is only when we learn
to cry with those who are
suffering that we can begin
to understand them and to
love them.'**

—POPE FRANCIS

The logo for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), featuring a stylized 'C' and 'R' followed by 'CRS' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' in a smaller font below it.

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Conflict tears families apart. So many lose their homes and loved ones. Christelle Konguinza, one of the millions of people who fled their homes because of violence in the Central African Republic, waited a year before returning. Your gifts help people like Christelle rebuild their homes and return to a normal life.

Thank you for providing comfort.

our refugee family



**‘Dear migrants and refugees!
Never lose the hope that
you too are facing a more
secure future, that on your
journey you will encounter
an outstretched hand, and
that you can experience
fraternal solidarity and the
warmth of friendship!’**

—POPE FRANCIS

Today, one in every 122 people is a refugee, internally displaced or seeking asylum. That’s more than 59 million people around the world. Your gifts help distribute temporary shelter and essential living supplies to refugees and internally displaced people in countries like Syria, Pakistan, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Burundi and the Ukraine.

Thank you for providing refuge and helping families who no longer have a home.

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our neighboring family

**‘But you too, help one another:
help one another always.
One another. In this way,
by helping one another,
we will do some good.’**

—POPE FRANCIS



Jesus called us to love him—and our neighbors. By helping young people like Mayra Martínez receive tutoring from her friend Elías Castillo through a CRS-supported peer-to-peer tutoring program in Honduras, you ensure Central American children stay in school. The more we support children in Central America, the less likely violence will send them fleeing north.

Thank you for loving our neighbors.



our family enslaved



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'I urgently appeal to all men and women of good will, and all those near or far, including the highest levels of civil institutions, who witness the scourge of contemporary slavery, not to become accomplices to this evil, not to turn away from the sufferings of our brothers and sisters, our fellow human beings, who are deprived of their freedom and dignity.'

—POPE FRANCIS

Almost 21 million people around the world are exploited by human trafficking. Together—with your voice and gifts—we work to prevent this horrific crime and help those who have survived it rebuild their lives.

Thank you for protecting our family.



our family in loss

**‘May we, with Christ-like
tenderness and compassion,
know how to be close
and offer consolation
to families suffering
the loss of a loved one.’**

—POPE FRANCIS

When disaster hits, there is nothing like the generous response of our Catholic family in the United States. Because you respond immediately, we can be on the ground within hours, providing lifesaving relief. So many families have felt the warmth of our global family in the response and caring you make possible.

Thank you for rebuilding our family.

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feeding our family

‘Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.’

—POPE FRANCIS

Sometimes, all people need is a little boost to become self-sufficient. Your gifts help moms like Tatu Omari, who lives in Tanzania, care for their families. CRS showed her how to grow a garden, and now she can provide nutritious food for her young children.

Thank you for caring for our family.





praying for our family



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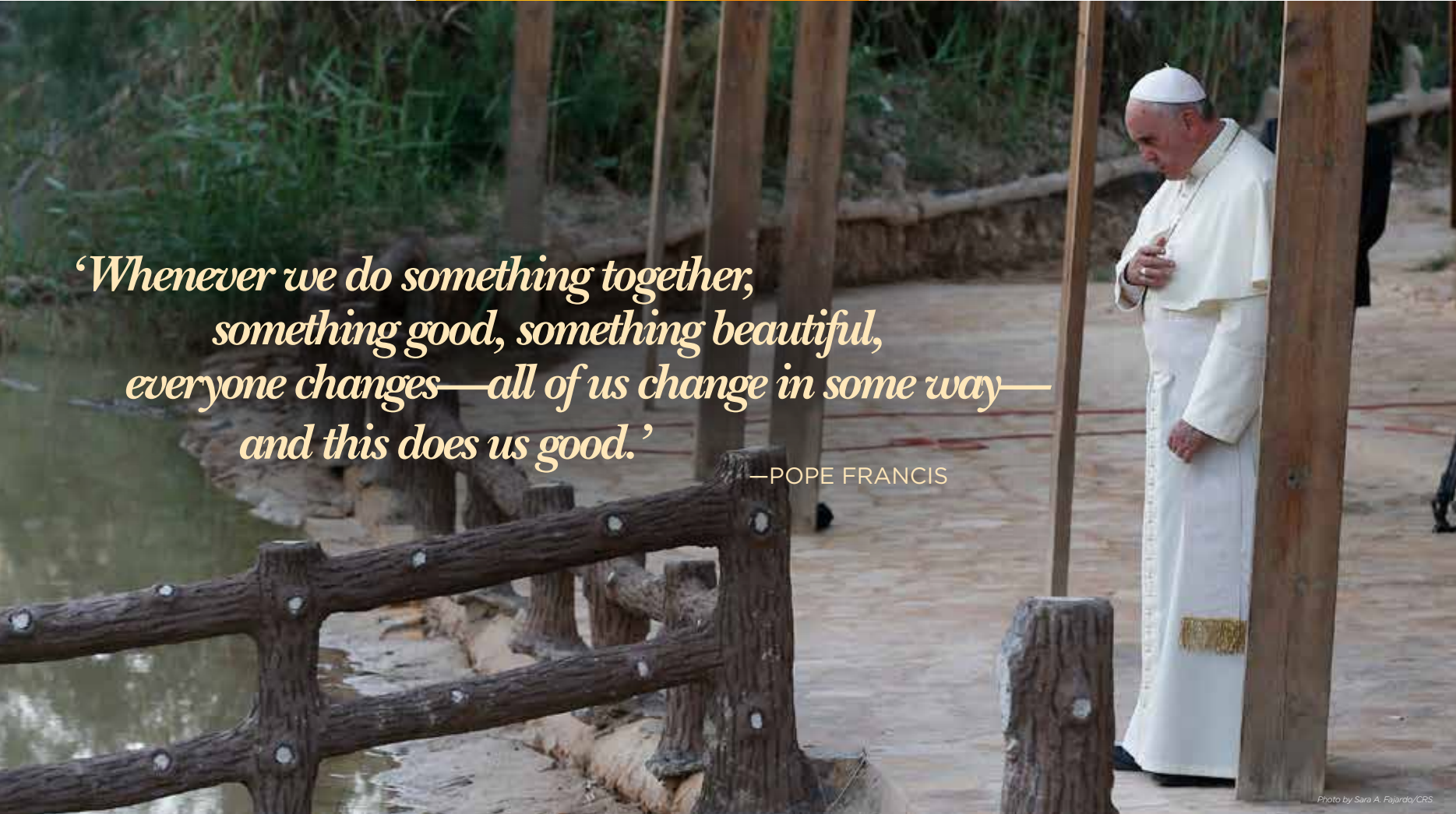
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**'The pope has the duty,
in Christ's name,
to remind the rich to
help the poor,
to respect them,
to promote them.'**

—POPE FRANCIS

Sometimes the numbers of poor and suffering people seem overwhelming. And their stories are heartbreaking. We may feel helpless. But when it feels like there is nothing we can do, we can always get down on our knees and pray, joining with our Catholic brothers and sisters around the world.

Thank you for praying for our family.



*‘Whenever we do something together,
something good, something beautiful,
everyone changes—all of us change in some way—
and this does us good.’*

—POPE FRANCIS

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In honor of our Holy Father, let's do something good together. Learn how you can help serve our poorest brothers and sisters at crs.org.

Through the compassionate generosity of donors like you, Catholic Relief Services has been helping the poor and most vulnerable overseas for more than 70 years.

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