# Action Calendar 2020-2021

Lead the way to a more just world. Use this calendar to plan your year of learning, reflection and action at home and in your community.

## SEPTEMBER

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**Lead through peace.**

Conflict and violence force countless numbers of people to flee their homes seeking safety and are the leading causes of food insecurity worldwide.

**ACTION**

Take the pledge to support people on the move as we celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Text LEAD NOW to 306-44

**PRAYER**

Lord, we pray for peace in the homelands of our sisters and brothers on the move, and that we may be bearers of peace to those who seek refuge in our communities.

## OCTOBER

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**Lead by preventing and ending hunger.**

The issue of hunger is about more than food. It’s about ensuring regular access to enough nutritious food by caring for our common home and creating healthy and safe communities so all people can reach their God-given potential.

**ACTION**

Come together to reflect on our ability to end global hunger as a community. Explore our Table of Thanks community giving event for prayer, learning and action.

[crs.org/leadtheway/fundraise](http://crs.org/leadtheway/fundraise)

**PRAYER**

God of Creation, we pray that we may be good stewards of all you have given us and prophetic advocates for our sisters and brothers who suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

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**Lead by giving thanks.**

As part of the universal Church, we are called to recognize Christ in our neighbor and give thanks by sharing what we have with others.

**ACTION**

Celebrate this time of thanksgiving by bringing your community together to give the gift of hope to those most in need.

[crs.org/leadtheway/fundraise](http://crs.org/leadtheway/fundraise)

**PRAYER**

All you saints and angels, pray for us that we may bring Christ’s welcoming love and share our gifts with those most in need in our communities and around the world.

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**Lead on behalf of families this Advent.**

During Advent, we reflect on the Holy Family. We pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe, seeing the expectant mother of God mirrored in the millions of displaced women and children around the world.

**ACTION**

Help families facing crisis around the world by reflecting each day with our Advent calendar and taking action.

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**PRAYER**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, as you protected your Son, our Lord, while on earth, intercede for all mothers and fathers forced to flee their homes to keep their children safe.

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<td>National Human Trafficking Awareness Day</td>
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**Lead the way in the new year.**

When people are living in poverty or are forced to flee their homes, they become even more vulnerable to exploitation and human trafficking.

**ACTION**

Lift your voice to protect our vulnerable sisters and brothers on the move who are at risk of exploitation.

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**PRAYER**

God, rescue your children trapped in the scourge of modern-day slavery, and give us courage and perseverance to act against this injustice this new year and always.

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**Lead with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**

Ensuring access to nutritious food, safety, nurturing care and education can help children thrive.

**ACTION**

Go deeper this Lent with CRS Rice Bowl to help families strengthen homes and give children a bright future.

[crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

**PRAYER**

Almighty God, we pray that our Lenten journey may be fruitful for drawing closer to you and our neighbor.
**March**

**Mar 8**
International Women’s Day

**Mar 22**
World Water Day

**Mar 24**
Feast of St. Oscar Romero

**Lead the way to hope this Lent.**
Ending and preventing hunger means ensuring everyone has the conditions they need to be free from hunger—like clean water, access to economic opportunities and just and peaceful societies.

**Mar 22**
World Water Day

Reflect on this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to make a difference in the lives of millions of children and families as we bring Lent to life.

[crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

**Loving Creator, as we look forward to the promise of the resurrection, we pray and commit our Lenten journey to ensuring all your children have enough food and support to build their dreams.**

**April**

**Apr 4**
Easter

**Apr 22**
Earth Day

**Lead to eradicate hunger.**
Our changing climate affects everything, including our ability to meet our most basic need of regular access to nutritious food.

**April**

**Apr 22**
Earth Day

Take part in our Lead the Way on Hunger campaign by protecting our common home and caring for those who are most vulnerable due to our changing climate.

**Text HUNGER to 306-44**

**Loving Creator, we pray that we, and all nations, act to address the ‘cry of the earth and the cry of the poor’ in this pivotal moment in our world.**

**May**

**May 23**
Pentecost

**May 24**
Laudato Si’ Anniversary Year Ends

**Lead by caring for creation.**
Drought, flooding and more unpredictable weather patterns are creating devastating challenges for farmers, families and communities, leading to more hunger and malnutrition.

**May**

**May 24**
Laudato Si’ Anniversary Year Ends

Heed our Holy Father’s call to urgently renew your commitment to care for all of creation in the celebration of the anniversary of Laudato Si’.

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**Lord, you entrust us to be stewards of your creation. May our work to care for our common home honor her legacy.**

**June**

**Jun 20**
World Refugee Day

**Lead to support refugee children and families.**
Addressing the root causes of forced migration is as important for communities today as it is for those of the future.

**June**

**Jun 20**
World Refugee Day

Help refugee children and their families find safety, stability and hope. Stand with refugees and advocate to help all children thrive.

**Text MIGRATION to 306-44**

**Almighty God, we pray that nations act to help all who are displaced by violence and conflict so that the futures of each person and our world may be bright.**

**July**

**Jul 14**
Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

**Lead on behalf of people most vulnerable.**
The health of our common home, the land and its resources, is directly connected to the well-being and health of our human family around the world.

**July**

**Jul 14**
Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Urge Congress to help farmers adapt to the effects of changing climates so they can support their families to thrive.

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**God, may the spirit of St. Kateri Tekakwitha animate our work, and may our work to care for our common home honor her legacy.**

**August**

**Congressional Recess**

**Aug 6**
Feast of the Transfiguration

**Aug 12**
International Youth Day

**Lead for a better future.**
Creating hope for the future means creating meaningful opportunities for youth to develop, grow and thrive.

**August**

**Aug 12**
International Youth Day

Visit our Action Center and join the movement by meeting with your members of Congress at home to eradicate poverty, hunger and forced migration.

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**Loving God, we pray that the United States continues its leadership role in the world to eradicate poverty and care for those most vulnerable.**

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For resources and inspiration on how we can come together to make a difference, visit crs.org/leadtheway and join our mobile network by texting LEAD NOW to 306-44 for the latest CRS campaign updates and actions.