

FIVE WAYS TO STOP FAMILY SEPARATION, SUPPORT SEPARATED FAMILIES AND END FAMILY DETENTION

1. Pray

You can find a prayer for migrant families [here](#).

2. Speak Up

Contact your U.S. Senators and Representative directly by phone to voice your concern. Specifically, ask for these actions of your lawmakers:

- a. *Maintain the Flores Settlement agreement. Ensure that it continues to apply child welfare standards to unaccompanied and accompanied children*
- b. Do not substitute family separation with family detention. Children should not be detained.
- c. *Support the adoption and implementation of family case management as an alternative to detention for ensuring asylum-seeking families comply with their immigration proceedings*
- d. *Augment funding for post releases services for children and families released from immigration custody so they receive the necessary counseling to deal with their trauma*

You can find the telephone number for your representative [here](#) and your senators [here](#).

3. Take Action

Contact your **local Catholic Charities** affiliate to learn about their material/volunteer needs, consider **fostering an unaccompanied child**, or join the **Share the Journey** global solidarity campaign with migrants and refugees.

4. Give

Support agencies that are helping families and children impacted by the crisis. Support the **Immigration Ministry**.

5. Learn More

To learn more about **Family Separation**, visit the Justice For Immigrants (JFI) "**Family Separation Webpage**" to review backgrounders, educational material and webinar materials.