

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.

APRIL

April 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.

ACTION

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.

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PRAYER

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 16-24
Laudato Si' Week
May 31
Pentecost

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.

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 we renew our commitment to you and our neighbor with love and action.

JUNE

June 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.

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

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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

July 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.

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.

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.

SEPTEMBER

Sep 11
International Day of Peace

Sep 27
World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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.

Advocate on behalf of people on the move as we celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

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

OCTOBER

Lead by preventing and ending hunger.**Oct 4**

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Oct 11

International Day of the Girl

Oct 16

World Food Day

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.**

Come together to reflect on the issue of hunger and our ability to solve this global issue as a community.

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

NOVEMBER

Lead by giving thanks.**Nov 13**

Feast of Mother Cabrini

Nov 15-22

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Nov 15

World Day of the Poor

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.

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

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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.

DECEMBER

Lead on behalf of families this Advent.**ADVENT****Dec 1**

Giving Tuesday

Dec 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 18

International Migrants Day

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.

Help families facing crisis around the world with gifts that transform lives.

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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.

JANUARY

Lead the way in the new year.**Jan 3-9**

National Migration Week

Jan 11

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

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

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

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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.

FEBRUARY

Lead with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**Feb 17**

Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

Feb 20

World Day of Social Justice

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

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

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

MARCH

Lead the way to hope this Lent.**Mar 8**

International Women's Day

Mar 22

World Water Day

Mar 24

Feast of St. Oscar Romero

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.

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.

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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.

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.