

## Weekly Focuses for Prayer and Fasting

### August 18

- Our sisters and brothers who are immigrants in this land of immigrants, and who are being targeted for arrest without cause or warrant, suffering imprisonment and deportation.

### August 25

- Our sisters and brothers in places of war, terror and flat-out genocide: Ukraine, Gaza, Myanmar, South Sudan, and too many others.

### September 1

- Our sisters and brothers, the Israeli hostages taken in the attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023 and their grieving families.

### September 8

- Our sisters and brothers living in places of famine, in food deserts.

### September 15

- Our sisters and brothers who are victims of gun violence, those working to get sensible gun laws, and those who are afraid they might lose their guns.

### September 22

- Our sisters and brothers; dedicated civil service workers who have lost their jobs, and those who do not know from one day to the next whether they have a job.

### September 29

- Our LGBTQI+ sisters and brothers wherever it is unsafe to live in or to admit to an identity other than on either end of the gender spectrum.

### October 6

- Our sisters and brothers; victims of sex trafficking, including countless indigenous women and girls.

### October 13

- Our sisters and brother who live in fear because they speak with a different accent or have darker skin or worship differently.

## October 20

- Our sisters and brothers; victims of climate change; enduring increasingly powerful storms, extremes of heat and cold, famine, and those working to protect our environment and all of God's creatures.

## October 27

- Our sisters and brothers in spite of themselves who order and enact inhumane policies.
- Other humanitarian crises which arise around the world, and which continually break our hearts. We offer that brokenness as part of our prayer.