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Holy Father, transform our attitudes and make our minds fertile to new ways of living, enlighten us to propose, support and defend projects and laws that protect the environment, take our hands to till ways of solidarity, and make our works and words bear fruit. CRS [Prayer for Climate Change](#)

2023 Farm Bill

The war in Ukraine, climate change and the pandemic have caused dangerously low food supplies around the world. In 2021 the United Nations estimated that nearly 193 million people were living under a food crisis. Today the crisis is reaching monumental proportions. The Farm Bill sets our nation's agricultural policy and authorizes programs that take aim at the reduction of hunger worldwide. U.S. international food assistance programs are federally funded. These programs seek to improve the livelihoods of small farmers, provide support for childhood education and utilize the expertise of volunteers who can change food security outcomes. CRS provides an action sheet each month that discusses this 2023 Farm Bill and an accompanying action that addresses one of these programs.

Jessica Morrell is a member of our Social Justice Committee. She also works for CRS. I am sharing the Action Sheets for June and July. They include a "how to" send an e-mail to your representative and/or senator. If you can, take the action CRS is asking. You will find each Action Sheet as an attachment with this Info Alert.

Advocacy requires skills. One such skill is Writing a Personal Email to your legislator on any and every issue you care deeply about. Learn this skill and use it to let your voice be heard.

Title 42

The Supreme Court recently ruled that the Biden Administration has the full authority to end the **Remain in Mexico Policy or Title 42**. This is a huge victory for the tens of thousands who were left stranded by Remain in Mexico. It means that the Biden administration will no longer be forced to uphold this restriction put in place under the guise of protecting Americans from COVID-19. It is now up to Biden to act as quickly as possible to end this shameful policy that turns away vulnerable people and families seeking safety.

Add your name to call on the Biden administration to URGENTLY end Remain in Mexico as soon as possible so not one more child, parent, or family is intentionally stranded in danger.

Prayer: Excerpt from Litany: So All May Eat Jane Deren PhD Education for Justice

In the spirit of Catholic Social Teaching, which has long proclaimed that food is a basic right, central to the life and dignity of the human person, we pray today for the more than 2 billion people around the world who currently experience times of going without food and often do not have the security of knowing when they may eat again:

We pray that all members of our global family may eat today and know food security for tomorrow.

We pray in solidarity for all those whose food security is in jeopardy because of conflict and its wide-ranging impact;

for those who hear the guns of war and for those further away who cannot get grain and other basic foods from the conflict area:

We pray that all members of our global family may eat today and know food security for tomorrow.

We pray in solidarity for all those who have experienced food insecurity because of the far-reaching effects of the COVID pandemic, who have lost jobs or who cannot pay the increasing costs of food:

We pray that all members of our global family may eat today and know food security for tomorrow.

Action: Educate yourself and complete at least one action.