We are called to love our neighbor, welcome the stranger, and stand with the vulnerable. Despite President Trump’s recent Executive Order, we will stand for welcome.

Can we, from our secure homes, begin to imagine how those forced to flee across borders to escape horrendous circumstances in their homes, feel? “Like a bird that is far from its nest, is one who is far from home”, is a melancholy refrain from Proverbs 27:8 that reverberates across centuries.

Refugees are the most thoroughly vetted individuals entering the U.S.

65+ million people are currently displaced due to war, violence and persecution.

51% of the world’s refugees are children.
“It’s not by choice you become refugee. We became refugees because we’re forcefully thrown out of the country just because we spoke a different language and believed in different God than the king. We didn’t have hope, we weren’t allowed to get a decent job because we didn’t have citizenship of any country, and opportunities were not even the part of conversation when we’re worried about next meal. The U.S. was the only country that healed our forgotten people. If the U.S stops the resettlement process, refugees will be devastated, because they’re living a miserable life in refugee camps and were dreaming of better future and a decent life here.”

- Dev Bhandari, a refugee from Bhutan

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.

Ephesians 2:19