

PRAY THE NEWS



From rhetoric to enforcement, the discourse on immigration in the US is marked by fear, exclusion, and blame

The recently passed “One Big Beautiful Bill” includes a record \$170 billion for immigration enforcement, expanding ICE powers and detention capacity.

ICE has tripled its daily arrest target—from 1,000 to 3,000—and now detains individuals without criminal records, including for minor infractions. New detention centres are opening, such as the controversial “Speedway Slammer” in Indiana.

Anti-immigrant rhetoric is also rising. Public figures have promoted “replacement theory” conspiracies, portraying immigrants as threats—despite evidence showing immigrants commit fewer crimes than native-born citizens.

These shifts reflect a broader pattern of scapegoating immigrants for complex social issues.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR IMMIGRANTS.

- We pray for immigrant families and individuals, especially those facing detention or deportation despite long histories of work and contribution.
- We pray for elected officials and law enforcement, that they would resist scapegoating and uphold policies grounded in fairness, truth, and compassion.
- We pray for churches, neighbours, and advocates, working to protect the dignity, safety, and humanity of migrants in their communities.