



Global Solidarity News

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Giving Hope to a World in Need **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

Fleeing violence from Boko Haram. When Boko Haram attacked Hadje Malloum's village in Chad and killed her husband, she fled with their children to Kaya village. Like millions who have fled Boko Haram attacks, she sought shelter and safety in a host community. "We are here to be generous," says Bay Hassane, who was born and raised in Kaya. But the community's generosity is limited by a convergence of violent extremism, climate change and poverty, and they often struggle to meet their own needs. CRS is responding to the effects of Boko Haram violence across the region, in Chad, Nigeria, Niger and Cameroon. In Chad, CRS works with local Church partners to help 1,000 refugee and host families receive vouchers for two months of food and livestock. The idea is to help people not just survive the emergency period, but to become more resilient. **Learn more at crs.org/you-did-it-for-me.**

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY PRAYER

As Catholics, we recognize that prayer is of the utmost importance, an invaluable contribution to helping the poor overseas. It guides our actions, it binds us in solidarity to one another and connects us more deeply with the grace that flows from God.

We invite you to join us in praying the following prayer this month, so our hearts may be one and steadfast as we turn again to the work of the Lord: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and the captive. It is very important at this critical time in areas of tragedy and violence that U.S. Catholics stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

PRAYERS – FLEEING VIOLENCE FROM BOKO HARAM:

'PRAYER FOR PEACE IN AFRICA'S LAKE CHAD BASIN'

LOVING GOD,

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Africa's Lake Chad Basin, who continue to suffer insecurity from the long-term conflict created by Boko Haram. May they receive your life-giving gift of peace.

May our prayers and support provide hope and relief to those

who are displaced from their homes, especially the children who face hunger and illness.

Give comfort to your people in the Lake Chad Basin, and to all who are struggling with uncertainty for the future. Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms, and protect those committed to peace.

We ask this through your son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

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