

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"

ISAIAH 58
National Solidarity Vigil and Fast for Arizona
June-July 2010

Every day since Arizona's anti-immigrant law SB 1070 was introduced, immigrants and activists have been keeping a constant vigil at the Arizona Statehouse in Phoenix to demonstrate their profound opposition to SB 1070 and to sustain the call for comprehensive federal immigration reform. In the meantime, as the crisis for immigrants and for our country deepens, Congress has not shown it has the commitment or the stomach to advance immigration legislation in the current work period—even those who have been supportive of immigration reform are stepping back and allowing fear and election concerns to delay the reform that is urgently needed.

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition invites you to participate in the [Isaiah 58 National Solidarity Vigil and Fast for Arizona](#) to support those who are praying and standing strong in AZ and to demonstrate that the commitment of people of faith to fight for comprehensive immigration reform has not wavered and will not diminish.

WHAT

The **Isaiah 58 National Solidarity Vigil and Fast for Arizona** will begin on June 6, 2010 and continue with constant prayer and public witness through July 28, the date on which implementation of SB1070 will begin. During these eight weeks, vigil participation will roll from one region to another, with faith communities in groups of states leading activities for one week at a time.

Each week, the vigil will engage individuals in the assigned states in constant prayer, and will include at least one public prayer event. Vigil participants will take their prayers for justice to the streets, standing as witnesses outside their statehouse, detention center, school, and other places where the brokenness of our immigration system is most apparent.

Isaiah 58 Solidarity Vigil will conclude with a three-day fast, July 30-Aug 1. Faith advocates will fast and lead public actions in their home states, and there may also be opportunities to participate in an action in Arizona. **Plans for the fast and AZ event are still taking shape; details will be coming soon.**

WHO: SIGNING UP AND SPEAKING OUT

Sign up to participate in the Isaiah 58 rolling vigil at <http://changetakesfaith.org/>, and recruit participants at your church or other events. A print sign-in sheet/petition is available for you to use in recruiting participants, and we ask you to then enter the names and information you gather at your church on the website later. When you sign people up to participate in the vigil, be sure you let them know that they are also signing a petition calling for local, state and federal officials to *oppose* any legislation resembling Arizona's SB 1070 and to work for comprehensive federal immigration reform.

The weeks of prayer are divided among all 50 states in the following list (italicized are states where Arizona-like legislation has either been drafted or introduced):

Week 1 (June 6-12): *Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington DC, Delaware*

Week 2 (June 13-19): *Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Nebraska, Mississippi*

Week 3 (June 20-26): *South Carolina, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine*

Week 4 (June 27-July 3): *New Jersey, Nevada, California, Oregon, Idaho, Wash., Hawaii,*

Week 5 (July 4-10): *Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana*

Week 6 (July 11-17): *Minnesota, Illinois, North & South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan*

Week 7 (July 18-24): *Ohio, North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Florida*

Week 8 (July 25-31): *Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Alaska*

WE NEED YOU!

We need your help to plan a powerful summer of prayer and action. Please join us for a conference call with other leaders from your state and others who will be taking action in each of their weeks. The schedule of conference calls for Weeks 4-8 is as follows:

Week 5: Tuesday, June 15, 4 pm EST

Week 6: Tuesday, June 15, 4:30 pm EST

Week 7: Wednesday, June 16, 4 pm EST

Week 8: Wednesday, June 16, 4:30 pm EST

Call-in #: 1-800-920-7487

Participant code: 76723736.

All calls will use this call-in number and participant code.

If you can help organize a public prayer event in your area or need more information, please contact Yvette Schock, yschock@churchworldservice.org.