

Farmworkers in the fields are family, too.



“But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
Luke 10:29

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and the harvest season, we give thanks for the farmworkers who pick the fruits and vegetables that nourish us. We pray for those who struggle to provide food for their own families and those that are held against their will in modern-day slavery rings, for which there have been seven federal prosecutions in Florida’s fields with two more currently underway.

This Thanksgiving season, we invite you to join congregations across Florida in delivering prayers and pennies to Publix to ask them to join in improving the wages of tomato pickers by a penny more per pound and working with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to enforce a code of conduct against slavery and abuses in the fields. Nine food companies are already working with the CIW to do this and Publix has the opportunity to join in making it possible for those who put the food on our tables to be able to support their families as well.

Penny folders, prayers, table graces, and religious education curriculum about farmworkers will be available in October. Contact Interfaith Action at info@interfaithact.org or 239-986-0688 to request penny folders and materials for your congregation or for more information.