

Prayer for Refugee and Migrant Sunday

Dear loving and merciful Father,

As your own Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own, please look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all of our hearts; and guide the nations of the world toward that day when all will rejoice in your kingdom of justice and peace.

We pray, Lord, specifically for your children who are struggling to stay alive in Syria and for those who are looking for shelter in other countries. Send your earthly angels to help them find safety, food and shelter.

We also pray, Lord, for our brothers and sisters in El Salvador, who are suffering physically and emotionally at the hands of hateful gangs who are running rampant in this country. We pray for your strength, guidance and hope to reign in their hearts as they cling to You as their rock. We also pray for mothers who have had to say good-bye to their children for the last time, in an effort to save their lives by sending them out of the country. We pray for the leader of the Lutheran church in El Salvador, Bishop Gomez, as he works hard every day to guide and protect his people. We also pray for his efforts to bring rival gangs to the table to talk about reconciliation and restoring peace in El Salvador.

We pray also for people who are harmed by our broken immigration system. We ask that our leaders may choose wise, just and humane policies. We thank you, Lord, for your promise to never leave nor forsake us. This gives us all the strength and courage to follow your call to help our refugee and migrants brothers and sisters who need us desperately.

Send us, Lord, wherever you would have us serve you. We pray this all in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.