

Prayers for World Refugee Day

God our refuge,

You share the journey
with migrants and refugees,
lightening their footsteps with hope.
For you, Lord, are close
to the broken-hearted.

Pour out your Spirit
upon world leaders.
May they see the tragedies
of our human family,
and be moved to respond with
wisdom, compassion and courage.

Open our eyes and hearts
to the God-given dignity
of all your people.
Move us to welcome our neighbors,
and so bear witness to your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adonai, God of all seekers,

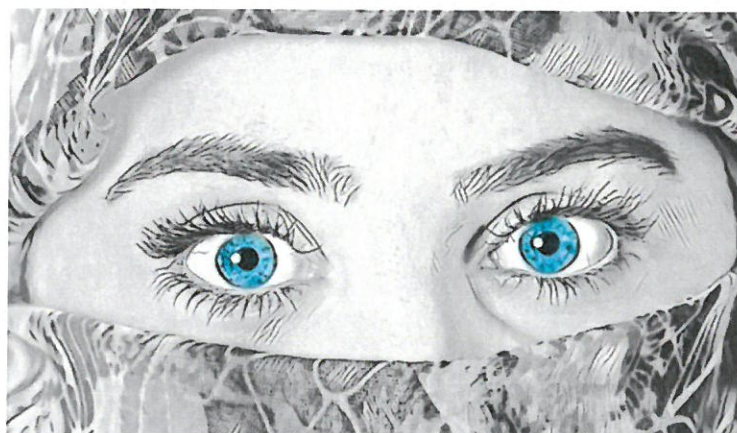
Many are the journeys your people have
taken:
Abraham's journey led from fear to
understanding;

Moses' journey led from bondage to
liberty;
the disciples' journey led from death to
new life.

Even today, your people journey—
immigrants and refugees, pilgrims and
nomads,
searching for hope, searching for
opportunity,
searching for you.

Lord, I know that I too am called to
journey.
Continue to call me beyond my comfort
and into encounter.
And when I meet a companion on the
road,
may we find you in each other's embrace.
Let us share the journey.
Amen.

Source: Share the Journey #sharejourney



Sample Prayer Intentions

- For all refugees who are forced to flee from their homes, that God might bring them to a place of peace and safety, we pray to our God.
- For refugee children, who have been separated from their families due to difficult circumstances or death, that God will provide his protection, we pray to our God.
- For Church leaders, that they will continue in their commitment to lead Catholic social service agencies and encourage us all to support lifesaving assistance for refugees around the world and to be active partners in refugee resettlement and provide in their communities a place of welcome, we pray to our God.
- For Christians and all people of good will, that they might find the compassion to walk in solidarity with refugees and the courage to advocate on their behalf, we pray to our God.
- For U.S. and world leaders and elected officials, that they might work together to end the strife and persecution that gives rise to refugee crises, provide care and protection for refugees forced to flee, and share responsibility in helping them build new lives, we pray to our God.
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