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Litany for World Refugee Day

Leader: *Mighty Lord, as you guided the Israelites, through the wilderness,*

People: be a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day for refugees in search of new hope and new life.

Leader: *As you brought the Israelites out of bondage to freedom,*

People: bring refugees out of persecution to safety.

Leader: *As you protected the Israelites through 40 years in the desert,*

People: protect those who languish for years in refugee camps.

Leader: *Wipe away their tears of sorrow*

People: that their mourning may give way to joyous hope.

Leader: *Put an end to warfare and tyranny*

People: that some may return home without fear of violence.

Leader: *Open the doors of safer nations*

People: that some may find new homes in new lands.

Leader: *Rebuild their lives*

People: that they might enjoy the fruit of labors in peace.

Leader: *Restore their material goods*

People: that they might sustain their families in prosperity.

Leader: *Revive their hope*

People: that they might face a future with promise.

Leader: *Surround all refugees with your heavenly host,*

People: that they might know your protecting power.

Leader: *Sustain them with your love*

People: that they might feel the warm embrace of welcome.

Leader: *Strengthen their bonds of friendship and family,*

People: that they might serve one another with encouraging love.

Leader: *And inspire your churches to welcome the stranger,*

All: that together we might build communities of hope where strangers become neighbors and friends, and brothers and sisters. Amen.



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