



Litany for World Refugee Day

- Leader:** *As the sun rises at the beginning of each day,*
People: Gracious God, let the dawn of hope rise and grow brighter for refugees who flee for their lives.
- Leader:** *As the sun warms the drops of dew from the ground,*
People: Gracious God, dry the tears of sorrow and heartbreak from the faces of people created in the image of God.
- Leader:** *As the creatures of the earth sing their songs of praise,*
People: Gracious God, let the song of peace and reconciliation swell from the throats of people in every nation.
- Leader:** *As a mother responds with compassion to the cries of her child,*
People: Gracious God, hear the cries of refugees and come to their aid.
- Leader:** *As men and women head off to their places of employment,*
People: Gracious God, bless those who labor to alleviate of the suffering of refugees.
- Leader:** *As families and friends gather together for meals,*
People: Gracious God, provide daily bread for refugees to fill their stomachs and clean water to quench their thirst.
- Leader:** *As children welcome their parents home,*
People: Gracious God, let nations open their arms with hospitality for those without a place to call home.
- Leader:** *As foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests,*
People: Gracious God, may refugees find safe homes where they may rebuild their lives once more.
- All:** Creator of heaven and earth, as you renew the world each day, look with favor upon refugees who long for a home, and inspire all people to build communities of hope where all are free to dwell in peace and safety.



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