



Loving God, help us to welcome you in newcomers, refugees, and migrants. Give to our leaders wisdom and courage to respond to your call to love and care for our neighbor. Be with families in distress and surround them with your presence and protection.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayer for Children and Families

Loving God, when Hagar and Ishmael were cast into the wilderness, you heard the voice of the boy and you provided for mother and child. In these days when beloved children are cast into the wilderness of separation from mothers and fathers, and families are held as prisoners, hear the voice of those who call to you. Send comfort and strength to sustain them in their suffering. In the midst of the wilderness, embrace them in your love.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Presiding Bishop Eaton's Prayer - World Refugee Day

God of all, you have cared for refugees throughout the ages:

You walked with Abraham and Sarah;

When Jacob and his family were forced by famine to leave their home,
you guided them to Egypt;

You led your people, Israel, safely through the wilderness when they fled slavery;

You protected the Holy Family when they fled violence and infanticide.

You commanded your people to show compassion and justice to the alien and
bade them remember that they had once been aliens.

Your son, Jesus said, "When I was a stranger, you welcomed me."

God of all, these are difficult and unsettled times. Use us, we pray, to show
compassion to refugees, especially the children. Give to those who govern the will
and the wisdom to work for peace in the countries from which refugees flee, so
that they do not lose a generation of their people.

Keep us mindful that we are all strangers and pilgrims on earth.

God of all,

Hear our prayer



Prayer for Separated Families (LCMS Office of National Mission)

Heavenly Father, You are our great provider and protector. Be with families throughout our world who are facing difficulties and separation. Comfort and bless children separated from their parents. Guide all parents in their calling to care for their children in obedience to You. Give the governing authorities the wisdom to make and enforce just laws that foster security and the common good, and to look with compassion and mercy on those who seek protection and provision. Strengthen those who work with immigrants and refugees with the endurance needed to fulfill their calling with compassion and wisdom. Grant insight, understanding and patience to the citizens of our nation as we wrestle with the many difficult and divisive issues that confront us daily. Draw all to the cross of Jesus, that the love of Your Son might reign over all things.

Through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world;

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne;

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)