“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”
Matthew 25:35

Rooted in faith, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) believes that we are called to welcome individuals fleeing persecution and seeking refuge in America. Over the years, our work has grown to encompass a wide-range of services:

• **Refugee Resettlement:** As a vital arm of the U.S. refugee resettlement program, LIRS pairs refugees with LIRS service partners who are uniquely equipped to support them.

• **Empowering New Americans:** LIRS works to empower the people we serve through employment services, targeted education, and advocacy & leadership training.

• **Foster Care & Family Reunification:** LIRS works with vulnerable migrant youth and families to ensure that children in our network grow up in a safe, loving home.

• **Immigration Detention Services:** LIRS provides legal resources, visitation ministry, and post-release services to individuals in immigration detention.

• **Community Engagement:** Leveraging a nationwide network of service partners and congregations, LIRS equips communities to walk alongside and support their new neighbors.

Learn more about our work at LIRS.org.
A Litany of Hope

Leader: Lord, you send out your Spirit,
All: And renew the face of the earth.
Leader: Look with love on all those you have created,
All: Help us to see your image in the many peoples of this earth.
Leader: Open your hand to fill all your children with good things,
All: Call us to care for all who are hungry and without shelter.
Leader: For families separated at the border,
All: Teach us to provide protection and hope.
Leader: For members of our church and community who suffer fear and isolation,
All: Give us hearts filled with generosity and welcome.
Leader: For refugees who long for home,
All: Fill us with grace to embrace them as sisters and brothers.
Leader: Lord, you send out your Spirit,
All: And renew the face of the earth.
Leader: For all who flee poverty, persecution, war and violence,
All: Let us walk with them as they make new beginnings.
Leader: For all who learn a new language, start a new enterprise, make a new friend,
All: Let us celebrate the many gifts they bring.
Leader: For the whole human family, brought together in your love,
All: We rejoice in the Lord.
Leader: Lord, you send out your Spirit,
All: And renew the face of the earth.