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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.

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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.

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