



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. These things we ask through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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.