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Moment of Grace: A Prayer for Refugees

Colleen Dauerbach, SSJ and Social Justice Coordinator, shares this prayer from the World Refugee Day prayer 2021 and asks that we pray for our neighbors at the border along with those serving in centers as caretakers and volunteers.

God of our Wandering Ancestors

Long have we known

That your heart is with the refugee:

That you were born into time in a family of refugees

Fleeing violence in their homeland,

Who then gathered up their hungry child

And fled into alien country.

Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages:

"Will you let me in?"

Give us hearts that break open

When our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry.

Then surely all these things will follow:

Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices.

Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat.

Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate.

And hands will reach out—working for peace in their homeland,
working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven.

Lord, protect all refugees in their travels.

May they find a friend in me

And so make me worthy

Of the refuge I have found in you. AMEN

- Prayer courtesy of CRS

You can also take action.

[Tell your senator to include a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the upcoming budget reconciliation package!](#)

"During the pandemic, roughly 23 million immigrants—including 5 million undocumented people—served as health care workers, public health and safety workers, food system workers and farmworkers. Others are here legally due to war or natural disasters in their countries of origin. **At the very least, these essential workers, Dreamers, and those fleeing disasters should be provided a pathway to citizenship without more delay.**"
(The People's Action Team)

St. Joseph, you fled to another country with Mary and Jesus to protect them from harm. Pray for those families seeking asylum in our country.