

# PRAYERS OF HOPE

## Vigil in Defense of DACA

### Opening Prayer

**Leader:** O Lord, you are the creator of all, and no one is a stranger to you. Look with compassion upon DACA recipients and on all those who are refugees, exiles, and immigrants. Grant them a home and a place, and give us a kind and bold heart in welcoming them. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

### First Reading

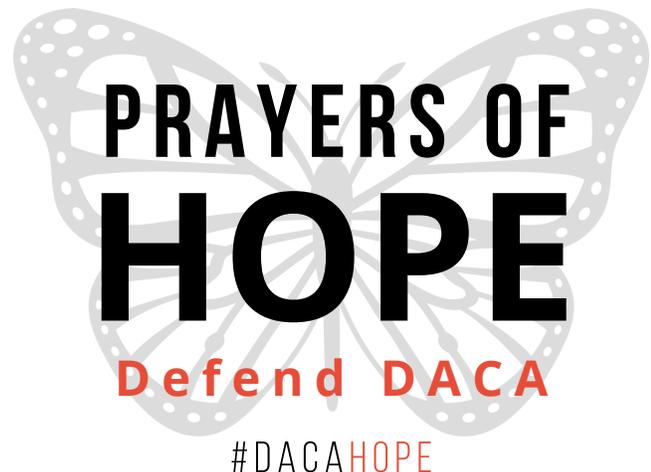
**Reader:** A Reading from the Book of Leviticus\*

When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

*\*Note: Leviticus 19: 33-34;  
New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition*



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**Reader:** Una lectura del libro de Levítico

Cuando un extranjero resida contigo en tu tierra, no lo molestarás. El será para ustedes como uno de sus compatriotas y lo amarás como a ti mismo, porque ustedes fueron extranjeros en Egipto. Yo soy el Señor, su Dios.

La Palabra del Señor.

**All:** Gracias a Dios.

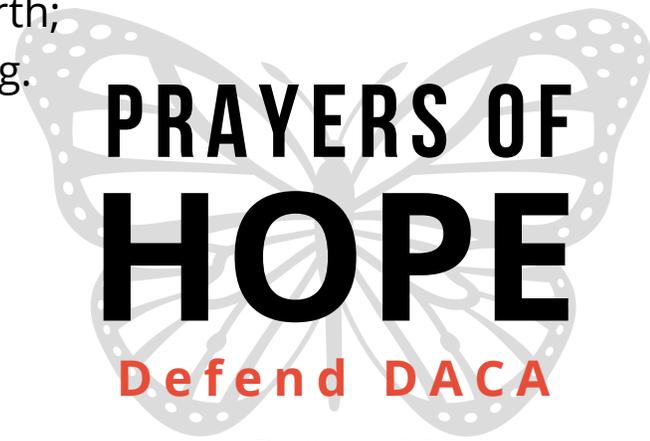
### Psalm

**All:** Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they will be satisfied.

**Side 1:** Praise the LORD, my soul;  
I will praise the LORD all my life,  
sing praise to my God while I live.

**Side 2:** Put no trust in princes,  
in children of Adam powerless to save.  
Who breathing his last, returns to the earth;  
that day all his planning comes to nothing.

**Side 1:** Blessed the one whose help  
is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD, his God,  
The maker of heaven and earth,  
the seas, and all that is in them.



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**Side 2:** Who keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
who gives bread to the hungry.  
The LORD sets prisoners free;

**Side 1:** The LORD gives sight to the blind.  
The LORD raises up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

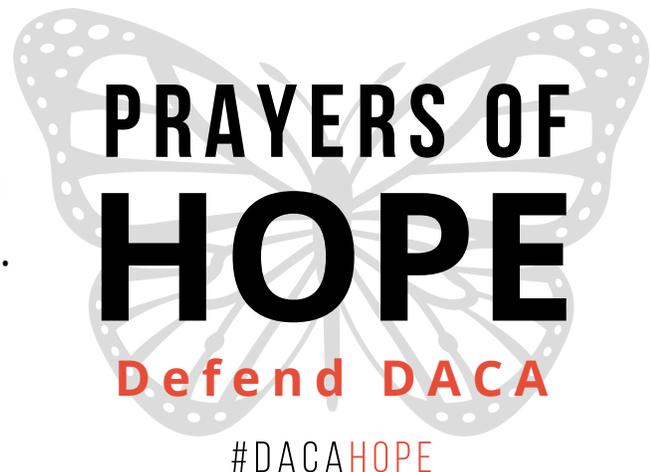
**Side 2:** The LORD protects the resident alien,  
comes to the aid of the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the way of the wicked.  
The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, Zion, through all generations!

**All:** Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they  
will be satisfied.

### Gospel Reading

**Reader:** A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew\*

Then the king will say to those on his  
right, 'Come, you who are blessed by  
my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared  
for you from the foundation of the world.  
For I was hungry and you gave me food,



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I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

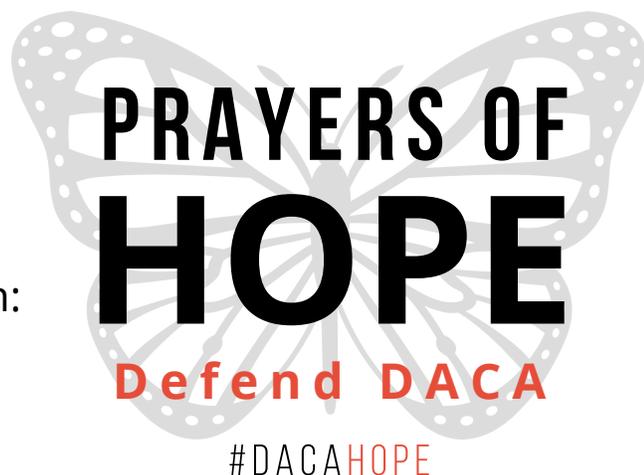
The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

*\*Note: Matthew 25:34-40;  
New American Bible, revised edition*

**Reader:** Una lectura del Evangelio según a Mateo

Entonces el Rey dirá a los que tenga a su derecha: "Vengan, benditos de mi Padre, y reciban en herencia el Reino que les fue preparado desde el comienzo del mundo, porque tuve hambre, y ustedes me dieron de comer; tuve sed, y me dieron de beber; estaba de paso, y me alojaron; desnudo, y me vistieron; enfermo, y me visitaron; preso, y me vinieron a ver." Los justos le responderán:



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"Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento, y te dimos de comer; sediento, y te dimos de beber? ¿Cuándo te vimos de paso, y te alojamos; desnudo, y te vestimos? ¿Cuándo te vimos enfermo o preso, y fuimos a verte?" Y el Rey les responderá: "Les aseguro que cada vez que lo hicieron con el más pequeño de mis hermanos, lo hicieron conmigo".

El Evangelio del Señor.

**All:** Gracias a Dios.

### Reflection

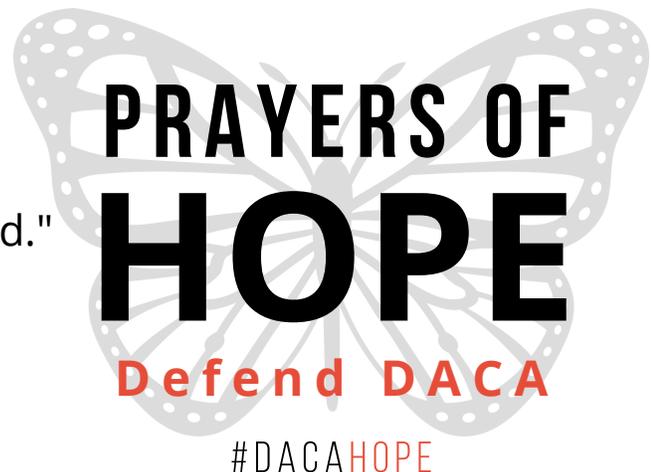
*Consider inviting a DACA recipient, an advocate, or someone who can reflect on the readings in light of the Church's call for support for those who migrate.*

### Prayers of Petition

**Reader:** Today, we pray for those facing great uncertainty as the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program is decided by the United States Supreme Court. Call to mind a time when you felt great uncertainty.

*Moment of silence.*

**Reader:** Please respond, "Hear us, oh God."



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**Reader:** For all DACA recipients, that they may find hope in this time of great uncertainty, we pray.

**All:** Hear us, oh God.

**Reader:** In thanksgiving for the gifts, talents, and presence in our communities of those who migrate, including those with DACA, we pray.

**All:** Hear us, oh God.

**Reader:** For all Catholics, that we may be attentive listeners to the stories of those who migrate, tirelessly work to build communities of welcome, and take bold action as we work together to uphold the dignity of all people, we pray.

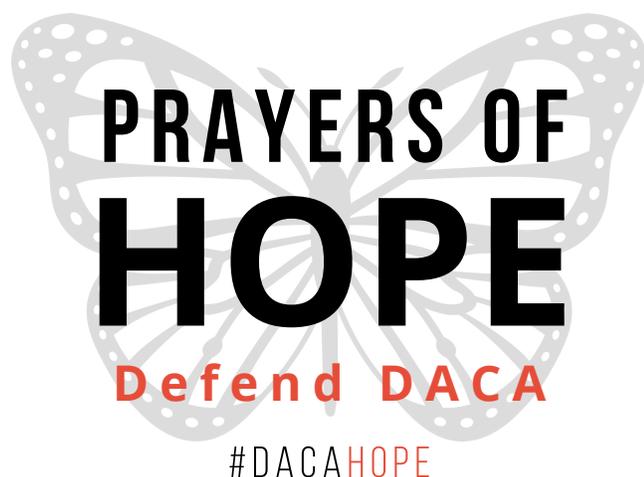
**All:** Hear us, oh God.

**Reader:** For our Church leaders, that they may increasingly use their voices and leadership to support and protect those who migrate and advocate on their behalf, we pray.

**All:** Hear us, oh God.

**Reader:** And for the United States Supreme Court, the President of the United States, and Congress, that God might grant them the wisdom to enact laws that provide greater protection for all migrant populations, we pray.

**All:** Hear us, oh God.



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## Vigil in Defense of DACA, pg. 7

**Leader:** Gathering our prayers, let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### Closing Prayer

**Leader:** O Lord, through your grace, may we imitate your love  
and show true compassion as individuals and as a nation by  
welcoming all those who migrate, and by standing in prayer and  
action with those for whom DACA has brought light and hope.

Inspired by your words in Leviticus,  
may we greet each stranger as  
neighbor, and may we live in the peace  
that comes from your love,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*This prayer service was adapted from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' prayer service—Share the Journey: Prayer Service in Solidarity with Dreamers and Migrants.*

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