

World Refugee Day – 20 June

World Refugee Day evokes a poignant reminder of our shared humanity and the Christian call to compassion.

In the biblical narrative, we find stories of displacement and refuge, from the Israelites' exodus to Jesus' flight to Egypt. These stories speak to God's heart for the displaced and marginalized.

As followers of Christ, we're called to emulate His compassion, extending love and hospitality to those forced to flee their homes. Each refugee is a precious soul, beloved by God and deserving of dignity and care.

This day urges us to reflect on how we can embody Christ's love tangibly, through acts of kindness, advocacy, and prayer. It's an opportunity to stand in solidarity with the vulnerable, embodying the values of empathy, justice, and mercy that lie at the core of our faith.

World Refugee Day MU Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this World Refugee Day, we lift up to you all those who are displaced and seeking refuge. We pray for the countless individuals and families who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, persecution, and hardship. Grant them strength and courage on their journey, and lead them to places of safety and peace.

May your love and compassion surround them, providing comfort in their time of need.

Inspire us to extend hospitality and support to refugees, embodying the love of Christ in our actions and words.

We also pray for leaders and nations around the world, that they might be guided by wisdom and compassion in their policies and actions towards refugees.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

World Refugee Day Litany

Leader: Gracious and loving God, on this World Refugee Day, we come before you with hearts open to your call to compassion and hospitality.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer, and guide us in our response to those who seek refuge and safety.

Leader: For the refugees forced to flee their homes due to violence, persecution and conflict...

Response: Lord, grant them strength and courage on their journey, and lead them to places of safety and refuge.

Leader: For the children who have known only the uncertainty of displacement...

Response: Lord, surround them your love and protection, and provide them with caring hands to guide them.

Leader: For the families torn apart by the harsh realities of war and persecution...

Response: Lord, reunite them with their loved ones and restore their sense of belonging and security.

Leader: For the nations of the world, that they may open their hearts and borders to those in need...

Response: Lord, inspire leaders to pursue policies of compassion and justice, welcoming refugees with open arms.

Leader: For our communities, that we may embody the love of Christ by extending hospitality and support to refugees...

Response: Lord, empower us to be agents of hope and healing, showing your love to all who are in need.

Leader: For a world transformed by your grace, where all people may live in peace and security...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer, and guide as in building a world where every refugee is welcomed, valued, and embraced as a precious child of God. Amen