

## **Prayers for Refugees**

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*Shared by the Refugee Community Center at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator (Allentown), Diocese of Bethlehem*

God our Creator: We ask for your loving presence and for your peace to be with refugees in our local communities and around the world. Be with all who are in fear. Be with those whose lives and livelihoods are under threat, and whose religious freedoms are being compromised. Be with us as we strive to enact your will in our welcome and support of refugees. Be with those in positions of leadership, that their decisions may bend toward peace and not division, and that they might realize the power they hold to do justice. Give us all strength and courage. Equip and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and bearers of hope, especially for those seeking refuge. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

### **For those caught up in tragedy and disaster**

O Lord our God,  
source of all goodness and love,  
accept the fervent prayers of your people;  
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion  
upon all who turn to you for help;  
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,  
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

### **A simple prayer in troubled times**

God of love,  
turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace.  
Amen.

### **A prayer for justice**

Living God,  
deliver us from a world without justice  
and a future without mercy;  
in your mercy, establish justice,  
and in your justice, remember the mercy  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **International unrest**

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **A prayer at a time of despair**

Restless with grief and fear,  
the abandoned turn to you:  
in every hour of trial,  
good Lord, deliver us,  
O God most holy, God most strong,  
whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.

### **For peace and safety amid unrest**

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:  
let the design of thy great love  
lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows:  
and give peace to thy Church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in our dwellings,  
and peace in our hearts:  
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.