



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

Devotional prayer is a treasure that Catholics around the world employ as a means of reaching into an intimate space of Christ's love. We can bring our intention to remembering our need to migrate and our immigrant brothers and sisters to our devotional prayer. Here are a few examples:

- The rosary, a daily meditation on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries. Pope Saint John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries. [Here is a meditation on the Luminous Mysteries using immigrant stories.](#)
- In preparation for the Sacrament of Penance, Catholics enter into an examination of conscience, a prayer to invite God's commandment of love in all its wonder into our ongoing lives of conversion. [Here is an examination of conscience with justice for immigrants in mind.](#)
- "Prayer is the oxygen of ecumenism" declared Pope Francis at the 70th anniversary of the World Council of Churches on 21 June 2018. Christians throughout the world share prayer for immigrants. [Here is an example of a credal statement honoring refugees and migrants.](#)
- Taizé prayer originated in southern France, as an ecumenical gathering of peace. You can find outlines for Taizé prayer services [here](#), with additional resources for music and intercessions. [GIA Publications offers many resources for Taizé prayer.](#)
- The Archdiocese of Washington has prepared a [Novena to the Holy Spirit](#), with daily prayers for migrants, refugees, and victims of sex trafficking.



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A SIMPLE LITURGY OF THE WORD CAN BE LED BY A LAY PRESIDER

Gathering song
Opening prayer
Scripture readings
Psalms
Reflection
Song of Reflection
Intercessions
Closing Prayer
Closing Song

Gathering Songs: *Select something familiar to your community*

God of Day and God of Darkness—Marty Haugen, GIA

A Place Called Home—Michael Joncas, GIA

Welcome—Zelman and Miller

Opening prayer:

1. *Merciful God,*

*We pray for families and individuals who have left or fled their homes,
seeking safer and better lives.*

*We lift up to you their hopes, fears and needs,
that they may be protected on their journeys,
that their dignity and rights may be honored and upheld,*



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*and that they may be welcomed with open arms
into generous and compassionate communities.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. Loving God,

You love and take care of ALL of your children.

You never abandon those in need.

Please grant those who have fled their homelands

warm welcome and acceptance, hope, courage and strength.

Help us all to extend the same kindness and generous mercy

to the entire human family, without distinction or reservation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your son and our Lord, Amen.

Readings: Here are possible readings to include.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 24-26

Hebrews 13: 1-2

Leviticus 19: 33-34

Matthew 25: 35-40

Galatians 5:14

Psalms: Select one or two that make sense with the selected readings

Psalms 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us/Senor, Que Tu Misericordia—Haugen, GIA

Psalms 34: The Cry of the Poor—Foley, OCP

Psalms 68: You Have Made a Home for the Poor—Rory Cooney, GIA

Psalms 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful—Jeanne Cotter, GIA

Psalms 14: Happy the Poor in Spirit—Thomas J. Porter, GIA



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Reflection: *A reflection could be offered by a lay person or a member of the clergy. It could be a personal story of immigration, or one of a variety of homilies and reflections on the Vatican web site.*

Pope Francis statement for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis statement for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Excerpts from statements of previous popes in past years. The habit of issuing a message each year to draw attention to some of the specific realities and difficulties of people on the move and calling the Church to action was begun by St John Paul II in 1985.

Catholic Social Teachings

Writings of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope John Paul II

Sung Response: *After a time of silent reflection, invite the community to reflect in song.*

Hold on to Love—Jesse Manibusen, OCP

What You Have Done for Me—Tony Alonso, GIA

Ubi Caritas—Bob Hurd, GIA

Open My Eyes, Lord—Jess Manibusen, OCP

Who is the Alien—Mary Louise Bringle and Lori True, GIA

God's Love is Forever—David Haas, GIA

Intercessions: *See the suggested model intercessions offered for Mass.*

Trilingual intercessions—Michael Hay, WLP

Will You Hold Me in the Light? --Sally Ann Morris/Adam Tice, GIA

The *Our Father* and *Sign of Peace* may also be included.

Closing Prayer: *Consider printing the selected prayer in the worship aid for all to voice together.*



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1. *Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

You crossed every border between divinity and humanity

To make your home with us.

Help us to welcome you in newcomers, migrants and refugees.

Blessed are you, God of all nations.

You bless our land richly with goods of creation

and people made in your image.

Grant that we will be stewards and peacemakers who live as your children.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit.

You work in the hearts of all to bring about harmony and good will.

Strengthen us in human solidarity and in hope.

God of all people, grant us vision

To see your presence in our midst,

Especially in our immigrant sisters and brothers.

Give us courage to open the door to our neighbors

and grace to build a society of justice.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever. Amen.

2. *Pope Francis: from the Island of Lesbos, April 16, 2016*

Merciful God,

We pray to you for all the men, women and children

Who have been forced from their homelands

Due to persecution, oppression and war.

We entrust to you all who have made this journey,



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*Enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation,
In order to reach a place of safety and hope.
Just as you never abandoned your Son
as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph,
so now be close to these, your sons and daughters,
through our tenderness and protection.
In caring for them may we seek a world
Where none are forced to leave their home
And where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.
Merciful God and Father of all,
Wake us from the slumber of indifference.
Open our eyes to their suffering,
And free us from the insensitivity
born of worldly comfort and self-centeredness.
Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals,
to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters.
May we share with them the blessings, we have received from your hand,
and recognize that together, as one human family,
we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home,
where every tear will be wiped away,
where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

3. *Nouwen Network*

*God, no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In Your kindness watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers,*



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*those separated from their loved ones,
those who are lost and those who have been exiled from their homes.
Bring them safely to the place they long to be,
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who too was a refugee and migrant,
who travelled to another land,
searching for home. Amen*

Closing Songs:

We Are Called—David Haas, GIA

Let Justice Roll Like a River—Marty Haugen, GIA

Christ, Be Our Light—Bernadette Farrell, OCP

Build Us a Table—Lori True, GIA

La Paz de la Tierra/The Peace of the Earth --Iona Community

Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo—Jaime Cortez, OCP



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105TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2019

SONGS AND HYMNS

- A Place at the Table, Lori True, GIA (G3, GC2)
- All Are Welcome, Marty Haugen, GIA (GC, G3, GC2)
- Anthem, Tim Conroy, New Dawn (G2, G3, GC2, JS, JS2)
- Canticle of the Turning, GIA (GC, G2, G3, GC2)
- Christ Be Our Light, Bernadette Farrell, OCP (G3, GC2, JS2, OF, SS)
- Envia Tu Espiritu, Bob Hurd, OCP (G2, G3, GC2, FC, JS, JS2, SS)
- God Has Chosen Me, Bernadette Farrell (OCP) (G2, G3, GC2, JS2, SS2)
- God of Day and God of Darkness (Beach Spring), GIA (GC, G2, G3, GC2)
- God Whose Purpose Is to Kindle (Hymn to Joy) (GC, G3, GC2, W)
- In Christ There Is No East or West (McKee, CM; African American (GC, G3, GC2, JS, JS2, OF, W)
- Let Justice Roll Like a River, Marty Haugen, GIA (GC, G2, G3, GC2)
- Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (Beatus Vir, LM; Slovak) (GC, G3, GC2, OF, W)
- Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (GC, G3, GC2, JS, OF, W)
- Nada te Turbe/Nothing Can Trouble, Jacques Berthier, Taizé (bi-lingual) (GC, G2, G3, GC2, FC)
- On Holy Ground, Donna Peña, GIA (bi-lingual) (GC, G2, G3, GC2)
- Pan De Vida, Bob Hurd, OCP (GC, G2, G3, GC2, JS, JS2, OF)
- Send Down the Fire, Marty Haugen, GIA (GC, G2, G3, GC2)
- Si la Gente Dejara Sus Odios (FC)
- Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo, Jaime Cortez, OCP (G3, GC2, FC, JS2)
- The Church of Christ in Every Age, Dunedin, LM, Fred Pratt Green, (JS, JS2, OF, W)
- The Cry of the Poor, John Foley, SJ, OCP (GC, G2, G3, GC2, JS, JS2, SS)
- The Harvest of Justice, David Haas, GIA (GC, G2, G3, GC2)
- The Servant Song, Richard Gillard, Scripture in Song (GC, G2, G3, GC2, JS2, OF)
- There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (In Babilone) (GC, G3, GC2, JS, JS2, OF, W)
- Ubi Caritas, Bob Hurd, OCP (G3, FC, JS2, SS2)
- We Are Called, David Haas, GIA (GC, G2, G3, GC2)
- What Does the Lord Require (Sharphorn) Albert F. Bayly (W)



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- What You Have Done for Me, Tony Alonso, GIA (G3)
- When Jesus Came Preaching the Kingdom of God (Samanthra) Fred Pratt Green (W)
- Within the Reign of God, Marty Haugen, GIA (G3, GC2)
- World Peace Prayer, Marty Haugen, GIA (GC, G2, G3, GC2)

Settings of Psalm 146 (Song of the Day)

- Happy The Poor in Spirit, Thomas Porter (GC2)
- Lord, Come and Save Us, Marty Haugen (GC2)
- Lord, Come and Save Us, Jeffrey Honoré (OF)
- Lord, Come and Save Us, Michael Joncas (G3,JS)
- Praise the Lord, Noel Ansell, JS2

Also, any setting of the Magnificat

Bilingual Intercessions

O Lord, Hear our Prayer/Señor, Oyenos *Mass for the Life of the World*, Haas (GC, G2)

Prayer of the Faithful, Tony Alonzo (G3, GC2)

Prayer of the Faithful, Michael Hay (Trilingual) (G3)

Prayer of the Faithful, Peter Kolar (G3)

Prayer of the Faithful, *Mass of San Quentin*, DaoKim Nguyen and Rifinao Zaragoza (G3)

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Journey Songs 1994 (JS)

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One In Faith, 2014 WLP (OF)

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INTERSESSIONS FOR THE 105TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Presider: St. Paul exhorts us to live up to the noble confession we made at our Baptism. Let us now ask our Lord for the strength and commitment to follow the commandment of Jesus Christ.

Leader: That we the holy Church of God may never be complacent in the face of the suffering of God's children, we pray to the Lord.

That as a people dedicated to God we may exhibit the qualities of righteousness, devotion, faith, love and gentleness that keeps us in right relationship with others, we pray to the Lord.

That those who are at our nation's doors, who are suffering, who are fleeing persecution and death, may be welcomed by an inclusive and compassionate citizenry, we pray to the Lord.

That our country can be a catalyst for ending the situations in other countries that push people to leave their homes and loved ones and flee to the safety of other countries, we pray to the Lord.

That those who are caring for the needs of refugees and immigrants, health care workers, social workers, lawyers, may be blessed, energized and sustained by the righteousness of their work, we pray to the Lord.

That children who have been and are being separated from their parents and families may be swiftly reunited with their loved ones, we pray to the Lord.



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That people who have lived in the United States for years as contributing members of society may be free from seizure and separation from their family, we pray to the Lord.

That all Christians, whose Lord, Jesus Christ, was a refugee from persecution and death, may take a prophetic role in advocating for those who are seeking safety in foreign lands, we pray to the Lord.

That those who have died seeking safety, freedom and a life without fear, may find shelter and eternal rest in the arms of God, we pray to the Lord.

Presider: O God, whose love is never-ending,
hear our prayers in the name of those
who cry out for justice and freedom.
In your mercy bring an end to the suffering of refugees.
In your wisdom bless your Church with compassion and empathy
for those who struggle for a better life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen*



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MASS TEXTS FOR 105TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Roman Missal Mass for Various Needs n. 32: FOR REFUGEES AND EXILES

Entrance Antiphon [Ps 91 (90):11]

For you has God commanded his angels
to keep you in all your ways.

Or: [Jer 29:11–12, 14]

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect

**O Lord, to whom no one is a stranger
and from whose help no one is ever distant,
look with compassion on refugees and exiles,
on segregated persons and on lost children;
restore them, we pray, to a homeland,
and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers.
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.**

Lectionary Readings: 22. FOR REFUGEES AND EXILES

927. READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

FIRST OPTION: *The Lord God befriends the alien, giving him food and clothing him.*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (10:17–19)

Moses told the people:

“The LORD, your God, is the God of gods,
the LORD of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome,
who has no favorites, accepts no bribes;
who executes justice for the orphan and the widow,
and befriends the alien, feeding and clothing them.



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So you too must befriend the alien,
for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.”

The word of the Lord.

929. RESPONSORIAL PSALM

3. (Psalm 121:1bc–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8)

R. (2) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:
Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,
the guardian of Israel.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade;
he is beside you at your right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life.
The LORD will guard your coming and your going,
both now and forever.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

928. READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

THIRD OPTION: *Do not neglect hospitality.*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (13:1–3, 14–16)

Brothers and sisters:
Let mutual love continue.
Do not neglect hospitality,
for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.



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Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment,
and of the ill-treated as of yourselves,
for you also are in the body.

For here we have no lasting city,
but we seek the one that is to come.
Through him then let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise,
that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have;
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.

The word of the Lord.

931. GOSPEL

SECOND OPTION: Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine you did for me.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:31–46)

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

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,
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 the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

Then he will say to those on his left,



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‘Depart from me, you accursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.
For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’
Then they will answer and say,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?’
He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.’
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

**O Lord, who willed that your Son should lay down his life
to gather into one your scattered children,
grant that this sacrifice of your peace
may bring about a communion of minds and hearts
and an increase in fraternal charity.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions IV: Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good

The following form of this Eucharistic Prayer is appropriately used with Mass formularies such as, For Refugees and Exiles, In Time of Famine or For Those Suffering Hunger, For Our Oppressors, For Those Held in Captivity, For Those in Prison, For the Sick, For the Dying, For the Grace of a Happy Death, and In Any Need.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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R. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father of mercies and faithful God.**

**For you have given us Jesus Christ, your Son,
as our Lord and Redeemer.**

**He always showed compassion
for children and for the poor,
for the sick and for sinners,
and he became a neighbor
to the oppressed and the afflicted.**

**By word and deed he announced to the world
that you are our Father
and that you care for all your sons and daughters.**

**And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we exalt and bless your name
and sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:**

Holy, Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon [Ps 91 (90):2]

My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I trust.

Prayer after Communion

**O Lord, who have renewed us
with the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant that in sincerity of heart
we may show true compassion
toward strangers and the abandoned
and that all of us may deserve to be gathered together at last
in the land of the living.
Through Christ our Lord.**