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.