



ONE BODY

IMMIGRANT FAMILIES
& THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MINNESOTA

INTERCESSIONS 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*