



ONE BODY
IMMIGRANT FAMILIES
& THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MINNESOTA

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.**