

A PRAYER FOR REFUGEES

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Lord Jesus, who loves the refugee and whose family on earth sought refuge in a far off land to flee the violence of Herod, and who calls all nations and people from all nations to yourself, we pray for those men and women and vulnerable children in danger and trouble who need refuge.

Would you protect those experiencing religious persecution and violence? Would you protect the vulnerable? Would you turn the hearts of your church and America's leaders to compassion and righteousness and justice?

Help us love our refugee neighbors as we would want us and our children to be loved. Grant wisdom and grace to government leaders and to leaders in so many local churches that serve refugees, asylum-seekers and other immigrants.

Would you bring hope? Would you bring rescue? Would you bring justice?

In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen. 

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