

# PRAYERS OF INTENTION FOR MIGRANTS, REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS

## General

For the children who are US citizens, but live in fear of broken families because of the undocumented status of their parents, that God may bring them Hope as we work toward conversion of hearts and minds. Let us pray to the Lord,

For the teens and young adults who were brought to this country as children and have now been deported to a country they barely know, that God will be with them and guide them to reunite with their families. Let us pray to the Lord,

Recalling that Our Lord told his disciples to „let the children come to me“, that we may welcome the children of immigrants and work to provide security and dignity to the lives of their families, we pray to the Lord...

## Topic: DREAMERs and Dream Act

For the immigrant children who have known only this country and work hard at school, that they may know the value of their work through the support of the DREAM Act, we pray to the Lord.

## Topic: Deportees and broken families

For immigrant families, suffering in the shadows from poverty and brokenness, may God bless them and protect them as we all work for a reform of the immigration laws. Let us pray to the Lord,

For immigrant families searching for life and dignity, that they may find it wherever God leads them as we work together for conversion of hearts and minds. Let us pray to the Lord,

## Topics: Plight of the immigrant: pain, rejection, and fear

For the Immigrant that faces rejection and pain in this country, that they may know the value of their life and work no matter where they live, and that they find a welcoming community here in this country. Let us pray to the Lord,

Recalling the fear that the disciples felt after the death of Jesus, may the immigrant in this country come to know the power and strength of the Holy Spirit through our welcoming embrace. Let us pray to the Lord,

That by seeing God's presence more clearly in every human life, we may repent of the ways that we have failed to honor, protect, and welcome that life, including the life of the immigrant, we pray to the Lord...

## Topic: Violence at the Border

For those fleeing the violence and corruption in their homelands of Mexico or South America, that they may find safety and security as they search for safety in a new land. Let us pray to the Lord,

## Topic: Conversion & transformation of hearts

That God, who always hears the cry of the oppressed and the immigrant, may enable us to hear those cries and be moved to conversion and transformation, working to reform the unjust immigration laws in this country. Let us pray to the Lord,

For God's forgiveness for those citizens who have not been welcoming and tolerant of the immigrant in this country, that they may come to realize God's call to welcome Christ in the immigrant. Let us pray to the Lord,

For our community, gathered here today to celebrate our unity under the Lord, and his mother, Mary, that we may come to greater understanding and acceptance of our differences, we pray to the Lord.

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