

Prayers for refugees and those held in captivity.

# For Refugees

Almighty and merciful God,

whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;

look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,

homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;

inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;

and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# For those held in captivity

Merciful Father,

we cry to you from the depths of our concern

for those wrongly imprisoned or held captive:

for those trying to secure their release,

that the ways of peace and diplomacy may prevail over acts of violence and aggression,

that their captors may know a change of heart;

through him who was sent to proclaim liberty for captives

and to set free those who are oppressed,

your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

O Lord God,

your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his resurrection

he restores life and peace in all creation.

Comfort, we pray, all victims of intolerance

and those oppressed by their fellow humans.

Remember in your kingdom those who have died.

Lead the oppressors towards compassion

and give hope to the suffering.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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