

WORLD REFUGEE SUNDAY

JUNE 18 OR 25, 2023



Prayers for Refugees

God of grace,
Watch over all refugees – embrace them in the pain of their partings.
Into their fear and loss, send love.
Open our eyes that we might see You in them.
Open our hearts that they might see You in us.
Open our arms that we might welcome refugees to new homes,
As you stretched out your arms and invited everyone home.
Amen.

- Exodus World Service

Father in Heaven, please be near those who are forcibly displaced today.
Some know you. Others do not. You love them all.
May they all know your presence, protection and provision. You have not forgotten them.
You know their names. You know their stories. You know their journey. Please lead them.
You are not far from them. You know their loss and suffering. You suffered too.
Please heal and comfort them.
You are not against them. You deeply care for each man, woman and child.
Please renew their faith, their hope and their strength.
They've lost their place in the world. Be their refuge.
Graciously lead them to a safe place where they can settle and rebuild their lives.
We pray for peace, justice and reconciliation in their countries of origin.
We pray in the name of Jesus who was once Himself a refugee in Egypt.
Amen.

- International Association for Refugees

God who knows loss, you see each of your children who have fled war and persecution. We pray for those who grieve what has been left behind.

God who is a sustainer, you are the bread of life and living water. We pray that those who flee will be given warm food and drink to sustain their bodies and spirits.

God who is a refuge, you know the weariness and pain of those looking to find rest. May all seeking refuge in neighboring countries find a safe place to lay their heads tonight.

God who pours out blessings, you see the support of the global community providing aid to refugees. Thank you for each hand involved, and may we all faithfully serve those searching for a new home.

God who does not forget, you know the present and future. Let us remember those who have fled when they arrive in our cities and homes.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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We invite you to be part of our Prayer Partnership and receive a weekly email of prayer requests. Sign up at exodusworldservice.org/pray-for-refugees/. Join in asking God to intervene on behalf of refugees, volunteers, and Exodus staff who face regular challenges, as well as join in prayers of gratitude.