



## Prayer for Refugees

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Oh God our refuge, be with all who flee war, violence, and oppression. Help us be brave enough to step out of our comfort zone and be with them too. Give us grace to stand alongside them without being swayed by a world backsliding towards (into) xenophobia, racism, hatred, hostility and fear. Let us see our neighbors as neighbors. Allow us to see it as a great privilege if like the samaritan we have any opportunity to offer help, to bind up the wounds of violence and to provide a safe place for someone to stay and heal. Help us to love our exiled neighbors as ourselves.

Give us courage to stand against violence in all its forms; and alongside widows, orphans and strangers, even if all the governments of this world turn against them let us your Church be those who never turn our backs on them.