



Litanies for Refugees

Leader: Lord Jesus, who fled the wrath of Herod.

All: Be with those who have to flee the injustice of others.

Leader: Lord Jesus, who had nowhere to lay your head.

All: Be with those who have no land to call their own.

Leader: For all refugees who have fled oppression in their own countries and are seeking new lives in new lands.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

All: Help us, Lord, to find room at the inn for those who are far from home. Amen.

Adapted from World Council of Churches Worship Resources, Focus on Refugee, 1981 in 'Our hospitality both reflects and participates in God's hospitality.' - Minnesota Council of Churches

Leader: God of Exiles, Shelter of the Homeless;

All: You welcome all into the arms of your love.

Leader: To all who wander, with no place to call home,

All: You offer shelter and rest.

Leader: To all who thirst;

All: You offer springs of living water.

Leader: To all who hunger, in body or spirit;

All: You offer bread, the fruit of the earth and the gift of human hands.

Leader: Your table is long and wide;

All: With room for all your children.

Leader: Many have shared with us the gift of hospitality;

All: Help us to go and do likewise.

Leader: And, most of all, O God our Creator;

All: We give you thanks that in You we find our home.

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