



Prayers for Refugees

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you?
Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these
who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:38-40

Lord, who changed the story
from stranger to sibling,
equip us to change the story.
From frustration to freedom,
for those stuck in refugee camps.
From panic to peace,
for those separated from families.
From trafficking to safe passage,
for those on perilous journeys.
From despair to hope,
for hearts weary with grief.
From worry to hospitality,
for minds uncertain of change.
From crisis to opportunity,
for countries providing a home.
From foreigner to family,
as we were welcomed by you.

**May we never miss meeting your gaze,
in the eyes of our sibling, the stranger.
Amen.**

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
provide for all seeking refuge from famine.

God of Hagar, Joseph and Moses,
liberate all seeking refuge from slavery.

God of Esther, Naomi and Ruth,
strengthen all seeking refuge as families.

God of David, Elijah, and Jeremiah,
protect all seeking refuge from conflict.

God of Ezekiel, Ezra and Nehemiah,
comfort all who are longing for home.

God of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
journey with all seeking refuge today.

**In the name of the One who was
both refuge and refugee.
Amen.**

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Luke 10:36

**Lord, give us ears to hear,
and to not only be hearers
but also doers of Your word.**

Move us to not only ask who our neighbour is
but also ask how we might be a neighbour.

May we never ever pass by on the other side,
no matter what it costs us.

May we only ever be the one who shows mercy
to those robbed of all life held dear.

**May we always go and do likewise,
in Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.**

