

Litany for Refugees: Our World's Homeless

Leader: For refugees and internally displaced persons around the world, we pray that they may know the safety and grace of a secure home.

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 58 million people displaced worldwide, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: 15 million refugees currently around the world we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 34 million people who have been forcibly displaced within their own countries, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 2.3 million asylum seekers, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 4.8 million Syrian refugees fleeing violence from ISIS, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 535,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo remaining in neighboring countries, particularly Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, and the United Republic of Tanzania, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 470,000 refugees from the Central African Republic who have fled the deteriorating situation in their country of origin, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 1.5 million refugees in Pakistan, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 5.8 million Palestinian descendants who are awaiting return to their land and homes in Palestine, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.



Leader: For the 46,000 Afghan refugees who returned home in the beginning of 2015, and the 1.6 million documented Afghan refugees living in Pakistan, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the more than 240,000 internally displaced people from Myanmar (Burma)'s Kachin and northern Shan States, many of whom have lived in refugee camps for more than 20 years, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 13.5 million Syrians in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 7.5 million Syrian children who are growing up knowing nothing but violence, and for over 2 million children who are out of school in Syria and who are growing increasingly vulnerable with each classroom destroyed, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the more than 1.1 million Somalis displaced internally and the nearly 1 million refugees living in neighboring countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia, and Yemen, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For more than 1.4 million people displaced within Ukraine from their homes in the east and Crimea, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the more than 318,000 people who have fled Ukraine as the conflict made towns and villages uninhabitable and destroyed vital infrastructure, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the more than 2.3 million Sudanese displaced, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the more than 4 million Iraqi refugees forced to leave their homes, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 470,000 refugees from the Central African Republic who have fled economic crises and violence, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the 24,000 Burundian asylum seekers who have fled to Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Uganda to escape electoral violence, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.



Leader: For the more than 180,000 Congolese refugees in the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo where the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) continues to terrorize, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the displaced women and girls from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who are at particular risk of rape and gender-based violence, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the more than 120,000 people forced to leave their home country of Nigeria, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the estimated 383,000 Eritreans who have left their country, fleeing to Europe by sea, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the more than 6.5 million internally displaced persons in Colombia, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the ever growing number of child migrants and refugees fleeing Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For Central Americans traveling by La Bestia, the nickname for the dangerous freight train that transports many children and adults north to the U.S. every year, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Leader: For the thousands of evacuees in southern Philippines, who are in the grip of uncertainty following clashes between government armed forces and armed rebel groups and preventing displaced families from returning to their homes, we pray:

All: God, in your mercy, grant your children justice and peace.

Closing Prayer: We see and hear the suffering of your children,
O God, who long for a safe and secure space.

May we remember them in our prayers,
And pray for them through our actions.

As your family returned from the exile of Egypt,
Grant all refugees and displaced people a return to the security of a home.
We pray for this in Christ's name. Amen.



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