

# PRAYERS

O Blessed Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you fled into exile in the moonlight,  
carrying your son, our Lord Jesus.  
You shared his journey to the Cross,  
and are now robed in the light of peace.

Mary, Mother of the Poor,  
watch over migrants and refugees  
holding their families close on fearful journeys.  
Comfort and protect them, we pray,  
as they walk beneath the shining stars.

Bless our communities, loving Mary,  
fill our hearts with compassion,  
help us to shelter the stranger,  
and share the goodness of God's  
consoling love with all our neighbours.

Hail Mary...

Jesus, friend and brother,

You know what it is like to be hungry and  
thirsty.

You know what it feels like to be a stranger  
who is made unwelcome.

You know the suffering of all who have lost  
everything.

We pray that by welcoming refugees we may  
show love for our neighbour and be closer  
to you.

Amen

For refugees who are separated from their  
families, keep them safe and guide them  
towards reuniting with their loved ones soon.

Lord hear our prayer,

Lord graciously hear our prayer.

For children and young people who are forced  
to leave their homes, provide caring adults  
around them and unite the international  
community  
to work for the care and protection of these  
young ones.

Lord hear our prayer,

Lord graciously hear our prayer.

For the Church, give us strength and courage  
to continue to offer welcome to those new to  
our country and to recognise your face in those  
we welcome.

Lord hear our prayer,

Lord graciously hear our prayer.