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Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. (USCCB)

Prayer to Jesus, the Immigrant Jesus, as an infant you fled to Egypt with your mother Mary and Joseph. You were a vulnerable family in a foreign land, looking for shelter and sustenance. Help us to welcome those like you who cross our borders today. Give us hearts of compassion, humane response, and laws that respect the dignity of all immigrants. Amen. (Adapted from Education for Justice)



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A Prayer for Migrant Children

Loving Father,
in your infinite compassion,
we seek your divine protection for refugee children who
are often alone and afraid.
Provide solace to those who have been witnesses
violence and destruction,
Who have lost parents, family, friends, home and all they
cherish due to war or persecution.
Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help
in their time of need.

Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord.
Reunite them with their families and loved ones.
Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land
to a place of peace and safety.
Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their
time of need.

Show us how we might reach out to these precious and
vulnerable children.
Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need,
so that we might see in them your own migrant Son.
Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those
who would do them harm.

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

(Catholic Relief Services)



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God of the journey, God of the traveler,

We pray for those who leave their homes in search of new beginnings and possibilities, may they know your presence with them.

We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship, We pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here.

We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

(The Archdiocese of Chicago)

Dear Jesus,

Our journey through life is long and hard.

We cannot make this trip alone; we must walk together on the journey.

You promised to send us a helper, your Holy Spirit.

Help us to see your Holy Spirit in those you send to journey with us.

In the refugee family, seeking safety from violence, Let us see your Holy Spirit.

In the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables, Let us see your Holy Spirit.

In the asylum-seeker, seeking justice for himself and his family, Let us see your Holy Spirit.

In the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world, Let us see your Holy Spirit.

Teach us to recognize that as we walk with each other, You are present.

Teach us to welcome not only the strangers in our midst but the gifts they bring as well: the invitation to conversion, communion, and solidarity.

This is the help you have sent: we are not alone.

We are together on the journey, and for this we give you thanks.

Amen. (adapted from Interfaith Worker Justice)