JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE SAMPLE PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Lord, may we not wash our hands of our refugee brothers and sisters, and may you rain down upon them with all of the love and peace you were denied in your condemnation. Lord, may we be "struck and shocked by the plight" of our brothers and sisters worldwide and follow in the steps of Fr. Arrupe as we humbly bear the cross that awareness brings. Lord, we pray for vulnerable migrants that you may grant them strength and safety in their journeys, and we pray for open hearts to understand their desperate motivations. Lord, as we see your full humanity and suffering, may we see the full humanity and suffering of our displaced brothers and sisters.

Lord, we pray for women and children around the world. You asked us to weep for their oppression, and we pray that we may see their gifts, their strengths, and their plight as you do. Lord, as we see you wounded on the cross, help us to recognize the wounds of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Let your spirit guide us to bring your light and hope to refugees and displaced people as we join together to build a world of love, justice, and peace for all.

