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Prayer for Asylum Seekers

Listening God, you hear the cries of the vulnerable. We pray for the many migrants who struggle for their asylum claims to be heard and those whose claims for asylum protection are denied. God, pour out your Spirit upon them, and fill their hearts with comfort and hope. Empower all of us to make just decisions and to be good advocates so that our hospitality of migrants might honor you. And all for your name's sake. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Immigration Detention

God of all consolation, our hearts break for the individuals currently held in immigration detention in the U.S. and abroad. We grieve the deaths in ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) custody, and we mourn with those feeling fear and pain. Send your spirit of mercy and wisdom upon those in power, that they may safeguard the human rights and dignity of those detained. Strengthen those who work and advocate for the release of those unjustly detained and for reform of the immigration system, in the name of your son, Jesus, who sets the captives free. Amen.

For Those Living in Fear of Deportation

God of exile and homecomings, you led your people through the wilderness and taught us that welcoming the stranger is an act of kindness and love. We pray for all who live in fear of Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids, detention, and deportation. We grieve the heavy-handed response to largely peaceful protests, and the weaponizing of institutions meant to protect. In your mercy, shield the vulnerable from unjust laws and misuse of power. Strengthen our resolve to stand with immigrants and refugees, not out of partisanship, but as followers of the Risen Christ, whose kingdom knows no border. Through your Spirit, make us agents of justice and peace. Amen.

For Those Who Accompany Migrants

God of justice and compassion, your Son walked beside the vulnerable and became one with them, even unto death. We give you thanks for those who visit detention centers, who accompany migrants to hearings, and who offer presence where fear and isolation abound. We lament the arrests, the fear, and the pain that mark the journey of so many seeking refuge. Be with all who advocate for dignity and fairness in our immigration systems. Stir in us the courage to walk beside the stranger, as Christ walks beside us. May we never forget that in welcoming the stranger, we welcome you. Through Jesus Christ, who knew no home yet welcomed all. Amen.

For Sound Government (BCP. P.821)

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.: **Lord, keep this nation under your care.**

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to

accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.