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Jubilee of Migrants

4 – 5 October 2025

This weekend, we celebrate the Jubilee of Migrants, giving thanks for the resilience, courage, and hope of all those who have left their homelands in search of a better life. We honour the journey of migrants who, in seeking new opportunities, bring with them rich cultures, diverse perspectives, and invaluable contributions to their new communities. As a Church, we are called to welcome and embrace them with open hearts, recognising that in welcoming the stranger, we welcome Christ Himself.

Today, we renew our commitment to supporting migrants, advocating for their dignity, rights, and well-being. May this Jubilee inspire us to foster a spirit of hospitality and solidarity, building a world where every person is valued and respected, regardless of where they come from.

Prayers

Example prayers of the faithful

For migrants and refugees, that they may find strength in our commitment to justice and feel the warmth of our love and care. **E te Ariki ...**

For migrant workers, that they may labour in safe and just conditions, and that we who benefit from their work may grow in true gratitude for all that they provide. **E te Ariki ...**

For all who have been forced to leave their homes due to hardship, war, or violence, that they may find refuge and healing. May they experience the compassion of strangers and the strength of communities that offer them shelter and hope. **E te Ariki...**

Other prayers for Migrants

Prayer for the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

God, Father Almighty,
Grant us the grace to work tirelessly for climate change action and justice,
solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.
Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our





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common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,

so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.

From Caritas.org.nz

Pope Francis' Prayer for Immigrants

Merciful God, we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life. Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is known, loved and cherished.

May we never forget them, but honour their sacrifice with deeds more than words. We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope.

Just as you never abandoned your Son as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these, your sons and daughters, through our tenderness and protection.

In caring for them may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centredness.

Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters.

May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.

From <https://www.cabrinationalshrine.org/pope-francis-prayer-for-immigrants>

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Almighty God,

Millions of our brothers and sisters are on the move around the world,

Not by choice, but by desperation.





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We encounter their stories in the news
And their faces in members of our own communities.

We pray that we may lead the way to bring about God's vision of peace and justice to all,
And hope and love to those on the move near and far.

For those forced to flee violence,
We pray they find safety.
For those seeking economic opportunity,
We pray they find secure livelihoods.
For those trying to support and protect their families,
We pray they find communities to embrace them.
For those searching for peace and hope,
We pray that we may be bearers of The Good News.

We are called to be prophetic advocates in this world,
To call out injustice and be heralds of Truth and Love.
We pray that all migrants, refugees, and displaced persons
May find safe and loving communities
And the opportunity to thrive.

And we pray that we may have the courage to stand and act
In defence of human dignity for all our brothers and sisters in need.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.
Amen.

From [Catholic Relief Services](#)

Suggestions for celebrating this Jubilee in your communities

- **Use the provided prayers of the faithful or write your own**
Craft prayers that acknowledge the struggles and hopes of migrants, asking God to guide and protect them in their journey and to inspire communities to offer hospitality and support.
- **Share a reflection during Mass or at other events**
Invite someone from your community to speak about their experience as a refugee or migrant – their struggles and joys, the challenges they faced and overcame.
- **Host a special mass or prayer service for migrants**





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Organise a Mass or prayer service specifically for migrants, giving thanks for their resilience and acknowledging their contributions to the community. Include prayers for their safety, well-being, and integration into their new homes.

- **Create a welcoming event for migrants and refugees**

Host a community gathering to celebrate and welcome migrants, providing an opportunity for local residents to meet and build relationships with migrant families. Include music, food, and cultural activities from the migrant community, highlighting the richness they bring.

- **Organise a clothing or food drive for migrants**

Collect donations of clothing, food, and other essentials to support migrants in need. Consider partnering with local organisations or charities that serve migrant populations, ensuring that the drive specifically addresses the needs of newcomers.

- **Create a migrant welcome committee**

Establish a group within the church to help new migrants navigate the challenges they face in their new community. This could include helping them find housing, legal assistance, language classes, or simply offering friendship and support.

- **Host a cultural exchange or potluck dinner**

Invite migrant families to share their cultures with the local community through a cultural exchange or potluck dinner. This allows both migrants and local residents to share food, stories, and traditions, building stronger bonds of understanding and respect.

