

Prayer for refugees

God of wanderers
Descended from a refugee people.
Born in the house of a stranger,
Threatened by tyrants
Welcomed by travellers and outsiders,
Betrayed by your friends,
Oppressed by your rulers:

You know the plight of those who leave everything behind;
For whom the danger of the unknown is still safer than home.

Let us see you in the eyes of all who seek refuge.
Give us the grace to pause judgement,
The compassion to welcome with open arms,
And the courage always to say: 'That could be me'.

Amen.