

## Prayers of the Faithful for Refugee Week – 19-25 June 2022

### Prayers of the faithful

- 1- For the 19,000 refugees and asylum seekers living in Australia on temporary protection visas and safe haven enterprise visas: That they may be granted permanent residence in Australia so that years of uncertainty and fear may end and they can begin to confidently plan their futures.  
**We pray to the Lord**
  
- 2- For each and every one of the 217 people still waiting offshore in Papua New Guinea and Nauru: That their many years of anxiety and suffering will end soon with the provision of viable resettlement options.  
**We pray to the Lord**
  
- 3- For the many refugees around the world waiting to find a place of safety and freedom: That their need for certainty and security will be met with generous refugee and humanitarian intake commitments by Governments around the world, including the Australian Government.  
**We pray to the Lord**
  
- 4- For refugees struggling to live with dignity in our region: That the Australian Government will engage constructively with neighbouring Governments to offer them greater opportunity and paths to safety.  
**We pray to the Lord**
  
- 5- For all refugees living in Australia and in offshore processing centres who face physical and mental health challenges: That everything is done to eliminate those factors which have caused and continue to exacerbate their ill-health and that their existing health concerns be responded to with great generosity and compassion.  
**We pray to the Lord**
  
- 6- For people of faith around Australia: That they offer love, welcome and compassion to those who come to Australia seeking to begin a new life free from persecution and violence.  
**We pray to the Lord**
  
- 7- For the many refugees in Australia who are separated from their families: That the anxiety and heartbreak this causes may be met with a commitment to a generous Government family reunion program.  
**We pray to the Lord**
  
- 8- For people seeking asylum who have died while on their journeys: That they may assemble in the temple of the Lord and never be forgotten by those who have survived.  
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