

## **Prayers of the Faithful for Refugee Week – 16-22 June 2024**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, it is the Lord who keeps faith for ever. As we give witness to the values of the source of all life, we turn to God in trust.

Reader: For Pope Francis, that the Lord may gift him with deep wisdom and discernment as he leads the Church in struggling against the grave violations of human dignity, especially the travail of refugees, we pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our Church, that she may serve refugees and migrants in every manner by welcoming, defending, assisting, and integrating them into our nation and communities, we pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For world leaders, may they widen their tents to embrace all who are suffering and all who seek a safe place of shelter, we pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For those who seek to settle here in our country, especially the refugees, may they find us to be hospitable and eager to assist them, we pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For those who are in our country as refugees, that they may find a warm welcome, safety, and the ability to pursue opportunities and integration, we pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For those who have fled poverty and conflict, that they may find people who will welcome them with hospitality, we pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For refugee children who have been separated from their families due to various events or death, that God will provide his protection, we pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For an end to all conflicts and persecutions that result in refugee crises., we pray to the Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Almighty God, your son Jesus was rich but became poor, making us rich out of his poverty. Inspire us to share our riches with our neighbours and find healing and strength in our encounters. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Response: Lord, hear our prayer.*