

Prayer with Children for Syrian Refugees

Leader: God, our Father, you sent your Son to us to show us how to love. While he was still an infant, your Son, Jesus, became a refugee. We want to be close to Jesus. Help us to come closer to him by becoming closer to the refugees from Syria forced to flee their homes because of war.

Response: Lord, may your mercy shine in us.

Leader: Lord clear our eyes that we may see the suffering of the refugee.

Response: Lord, may your mercy shine in us.

Leader: Open our ears that we may hear the cries of those deep in despair.

Response: Lord, may your mercy shine in us.

Leader: Release our feet that we may walk in greater solidarity with Syrian refugees every day.

Response: Lord, may your mercy shine in us.

Leader: Free our hands from wanting to grab more, so that we may share more generously with those who have lost everything.

Response: Lord, may your mercy shine in us.

Leader: Unloose our tongues that we might speak your words of hope, peace and love.

Response: Lord, may your mercy shine in us.

Leader: Widen our minds to think of new ways to provide help to refugees.

Response: Lord, may your mercy shine in us.

Leader: Give us open hearts that we may be truly hospitable to the stranger in our midst.

Response: Lord, may your mercy shine in us.

Leader: Lord, grant us greater courage to pray, learn and act in support of Syrian refugees. May Your mercy be known in all we say and do.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May almighty God bless us, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

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