

A Prayer of the Global Family

Heavenly Father,
We have cried out among strangers
and found a brother reaching out.
We have sung a song of lamentation in a strange place
and heard the voice of a sister singing a song of joy in return.
You have shown us family in the most extraordinary of
circumstances
tied by bonds of blood,
and bonds of the great gift of faith
but tied by a bond that is deeper still:
by the holy truth
that we are all your children,
your very image and likeness.
Make us the brothers and sisters Jesus has called us to be,
sharing our portion,
opening our doors,
mourning with our neighbors,
protecting their children,
and standing in solidarity with the persecuted.
Bless our people.
Make all families holy and help them grow.
And when our time comes,
may a family beyond number call us out of darkness into light,
saying, "These have been brothers and sisters to us.
Welcome them, one and all."

Amen