

Fleeing from trauma, too many asylum seekers and refugees find themselves experiencing more trauma as they encounter **hostility** where they have sought a place of **safety**.

In this prayer station, we pray for them, and also for an increased **openness** and **welcome** in host countries.

The beads scattered in the wire fence represent people, created in God's image and likeness, who are caught up in the barriers - physical, social, and economic - created to keep them out.

You may wish to read some of the stories, or to think of people you have encountered - and bring them before God in prayer.

If it's helpful, feel free to take beads out and hold one for each person as you pray ... placing them in the heart-shaped box, which we will bring for the intercessions at our final worship.