

A Prayer for Refugee Sunday

The theme for Refugee Week in 2026 is 'Courage'

Lord Jesus,

The Light of the World

Born among us as a weak and vulnerable baby,

You know what it was to flee

A ruler's murderous rage,

Carried in your courageous parents' arms

Along dusty, unknown roads

To a land where you could be hidden

As you grew towards your calling.

We pray to you for all who journey now,

Fleeing from persecution,

Setting out on wearying paths,

Courageous in their leaving,

Needing new courage daily,

As they face new circumstances,

New languages, new relationships,

And persevere in their search

For safety and a better life.

And we pray for ourselves,

Gathered here in this place,

Newly arrived and long-established alike.

Grant us your courage and grace

And form through us a community of love

Where your welcome is shared,

Each person's gifts are cherished,

And the light of your presence with us

Shines and cannot be overcome.