

PRAYER FOR WORLD REFUGEE DAY

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God of our wandering ancestors, God of those in exile, You call us to defend and love the stranger residing among us.

We pray for those forced to flee; those who flee extreme violence, conflict and war; those who flee persecution and human rights violations; those who flee food scarcity and hunger.

Guide and protect them on their dangerous journeys as they cross seas and deserts, face rejection and discrimination on their route.

Lord Shepherd, lead them to safety and protection, to green pastures and quiet waters. Give them strength and guide them out of the valley of despair into a life in abundance, peace and love. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.