Praying for Refugees and Immigrants

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# Article

## Identifying with Christ: Why We're Called to Lament for Our Suffering World

[Stacey Gleddiesmith](http://www.reformedworship.org/author/stacey-gleddiesmith) [RW 98](http://www.reformedworship.org/issue/december-2010)

# CALLS TO WORSHIP

# God calls us together, one people, gathered in this place,

# **while we gather ’round the world.**

# We speak in many tongues,

# **yet we proclaim the same faith.**

# We come in many colors, sizes, and shapes, and we are drawn from diverse cultures and circumstances.

# **O Lord** . . .

# **in common, we have your love;**

# **in common, we have your peace;**

# **in common, we have your hope.**

# We lift our hearts to your grace, our hands to your service, and our voices to praise your Holy Name.

# ***All:* Now and with each new day, let us worship God in hope!**

-RW 68 [“Seasoned Justice: Resources for Remembering the Whole Family of God”](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2003/seasoned-justice-resources-remembering-whole-family-god) *Wendy deJong and the Worship Committee of Jubilee Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, Saint Catharines, Ontario.*

# *Reader 1:* In a world of violence and war, we face daily reports of atrocities and human wrongs.

# *Reader 2:* But we hear God’s call to reconciliation.

# *Reader 1:* In a world of doubt and despair, we see pictures of the sick and needy.

# *Reader 2:* But we hear God’s call to care for our neighbor.

# *Reader 1:* In a world of sin and decay, we know the outcomes of ethnic cleansing.

# *Reader 2:* But we affirm that God’s Spirit breaks down walls and replaces hatred with love.

# *Reader 1:* In a world of death on every side, we see the growing abuse of weapons and power.

# *Reader 2:* But we confess that God can change the hurts of all.

# ***All:* For Christ Jesus is Lord! Let us worship him.**

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# CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

##### *Reader 1:* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

##### Reader 2: Hallowed be your name in all the world.

##### ***People:* May your kingdom come. May your will be done.**

##### *Reader 1:* Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

##### *Reader 2:* May your will be done also in the ways the free world responds to people who have fled from home and country in fear for their lives.

##### ***People:* May your kingdom come. May your will be done.**

##### *Reader 1:* Give us this day our daily bread.

##### *Reader 2:* And when you hear our prayer, give us hands and minds eager to share your generous provisions with people who have no land or food or home.

##### ***People:* May your kingdom come. May your will be done.**

##### *Reader 1:* Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

##### *Reader 2:* We have caught ourselves sometimes blaming the victims of oppression; we have tried to shut them out of our minds. And we have not given you, Lord, full credit for our health and happiness.

##### ***People:* May your kingdom come. May your will be done.**

##### *Reader 1:* Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

##### *Reader 2:* The evil one often would have us believe that some people don’t count. The evil one desensitizes us to the suffering masses who walk across our TV screens.

##### ***People:* May your kingdom come. May your will be done.**

##### [*Moment of quiet reflection*]

##### *Reader 2:* Listen now to the merciful voice of God.

##### *Reader 1:* reads Isaiah 43:1-3a

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# DEDICATION

##### **[Our Commitment to Justice and Mercy -RW 68](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2003/seasoned-justice-resources-remembering-whole-family-god)**

*Reader 1:* Jesus Christ is the bread of life and the living water, nourishing all who follow him.

*Reader 2:* Receive his grace, learn from him, and follow where he leads.

***People:* Thanks be to God! We will follow where our Lord leads.**

*Reader 1:* Loose the chains of injustice.

*Reader 2:* Set the oppressed free and break every yoke.

***People:* Thanks be to God! We will follow where our Lord leads.**

*Reader 1:* Share your food with the hungry and provide shelter for the poor wanderer.

*Reader 2:* When you see the naked, clothe them.

***People:* Thanks be to God! We will follow where our Lord leads.**

*Reader 1:* Then your light will break forth like the dawn and your healing will quickly appear.

*Reader 2:* Your righteousness will go before you and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

***People:* If we spend ourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then our light will rise in the darkness! Thanks be to God! We will follow where our Lord leads.**

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# PRAYERS

#### **Peace and Justice**

1. Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

We come before you, Lord,

crying out in a violent land,

crying for peace.

Conflict is tearing people apart.

Our brothers and sisters suffer around the world.

We share their pain.

As refugees search for a home in foreign lands, guide them.

As world leaders try to dialogue peacefully, give them wisdom.

As strangers knock on our doors, help us to welcome them.

You are the Almighty, the Prince of Peace!

Give us hope for tomorrow.

May your peace flow like a river through a dry land.

Amen.

—Erica VanEssendelft, Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church

[RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

1. Lord, you give us the unwavering call to do justice.

You tell us to defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow.

To love the foreigner residing among us.

To provide for the hungry, thirsty, and naked.

To love our enemy.

But Lord, it is overwhelming.

Do you not know that we are only human?

May your Spirit fill us with hope.

Remind us that we are good enough for you,

so that in all things, we will follow your will,

and take up the call to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you.

—Erica VanEssendelft, Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

#### **Unity of All**

**Hanto Yo**

(*Hanto Yo* means “clear the way” in the Lakota language of the North American Plains.)

God of surprises,

you call us

from the narrowness of our traditions

to new ways of being church,

from the captivities of our culture to

creative witness for justice,

from the smallness of our horizons

to the bigness of your vision.

Clear the way in us, your people,

that we might call others to freedom

and renewed faith.

Jesus, wounded healer,

you call us

from preoccupation with our own histories and hurts

to daily tasks of peacemaking,

from privilege and protocol

to partnership and pilgrimage,

from isolation and insularity

to inclusive community.

Clear the way in us, your people,

That we might call others to

wholeness and integrity.

Holy, transforming Spirit,

you call us

from fear to faithfulness,

from clutter to clarity,

from a desire to control to deeper trust,

from the refusal to love to a readiness to risk.

Clear the way in us, your people,

that we might all know the beauty and power

and danger of the gospel.

—Gwyn Cashmore and Joan Puls, From One Race the Human Race: Racial Justice Sunday 2003, published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland: Churches Commission for Racial Justice, London. [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

#### **Immigration**

1. Dear Lord, our shelter

and refuge for the oppressed,

we praise you for your ultimate power

and unsurpassable love.

We thank you for your unfailing justice and

we thank you for never forsaking those who love you.

O Lord of compassion,

we ask for your continued mercy for those who seek shelter,

for the refugees and immigrants in our midst.

Lord, we thank you for loving the stranger,

and we ask you to continue to protect those

who are without documentation.

We turn to you, God of refuge, power, love, and compassion,

through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray.

Amen.

—Carissa VanHaitsma, Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church. [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

1. Lord of justice and mercy,

both strong and loving,

creator of the earth and humankind,

we praise you for your omnipotence

and we thank you for your presence in our lives.

Lord, we ask that you teach us to love our neighbor,

so that we may obey your commands.

We ask that you teach us to have compassion

for our neighbors who may be different from us,

so that we truly understand what it is to love.

We ask that you give us strength to speak for those

who cannot speak for themselves.

Lord, we wish to do your will:

to promote justice and live faithfully.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

—Carissa VanHaitsma, Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

1. Our Lord, our ever-present help in times of trouble,

we know you are all powerful, all-seeing, and all-knowing.

We praise you for your wonderful and perfect attributes.

Lord, we know that you are omnipotent,

and we also admit to ourselves and to you

that we know we are not perfect.

We come to you, as the imperfect body of Christ,

to ask for your guidance, courage, and strength

as we seek to help the refugees and immigrants in our midst.

We wish to find a way to welcome those who are foreigners and strangers;

guide us, O Lord.

Teach us to be compassionate, so that we may welcome immigrants

as documented members of your kingdom.

Guide us to do your will.

Oh Lord, may your kingdom come.

Amen.

—Carissa VanHaitsma, Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

4. Lover of all humankind,

you call to us to be caring and hospitable

toward strangers in our midst.

When brothers and sisters from other countries

flee the difficulties of their land,

help us to welcome them and to walk gently with them.

When students and visitors from far away

choose our land as their destination,

help us to respond in kindness to their interests and needs.

[We pray especially for those living in fear;

those who risk deportation and imprisonment.

We pray for the undocumented immigrants in our country,

and we pray that the church may stand with those who are vulnerable.]

[We pray for wisdom and guidance for our legislators;

for those who govern and for those deciding how to improve our immigration system.

We pray that the need for dignity, respect, and better treatment of the strangers in our midst will outweigh insignificant politics.]

May we care for all our neighbors as for ourselves,

that we may know the blessing of giving. Amen.

—The Worship Sourcebook 4.5.1, p. 220 (© 2013 Faith Alive Christian Resources). Sections in brackets written by Carissa VanHaitsma, Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church. [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

#### **A Prayer of Indigenous Peoples, Refugees, Immigrants, and Pilgrims**

Triune God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

we come before you as many parts of a single body.

people drawn from every tribe,

every nation, every language;

some indigenous—peoples of the land;

some refugees, immigrants, pilgrims—people on the move;

some hosts, some guests, some both hosts and guests;

all of us searching for an eternal place where we can belong.

Creator, forgive us.

The earth is yours and everything that is in it.

But we forget.

In our arrogance we think we own it.

In our greed we think we can steal it.

In our ignorance we worship it.

In our thoughtlessness we destroy it.

We forget that you created the earth to bring praise and joy to you.

That you gave it as a gift,

for us to steward,

for us to enjoy,

for us to see more clearly your beauty and your majesty.

Jesus, save us.

We wait for your kingdom.

We long for your throne.

We hunger for your reconciliation,

for that day where people from every tribe and every tongue

will gather around you and sing your praises.

Holy Spirit, teach us.

Help us to remember

that the body is made up of many parts,

each one unique and every one necessary.

Teach us to embrace the discomfort that comes from our diversity

and to celebrate the fact that we are unified, not through our sameness,

but through the blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Triune God, we love you.

Your creation is beautiful.

Your salvation is merciful.

And your wisdom is beyond compare.

We pray all this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

—Mark Charles. [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

This prayer appears in the hymnal Lift Up Your Hearts (#270), available at [FaithAliveResources.org](http://faithaliveresources.org/).

#### **Hospitality**

Jesus,

just as you welcome us into your kingdom,

help us to love each other deeply,

offer hospitality to one another without grumbling,

and encourage each to use the gifts we have received to serve others,

so that every one of us will be a faithful steward of God’s grace in its various forms. Amen.

—Shannon Jamaal-Hollemans, Office of Social Justice, CRCNA [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

#### **A Prayer for Christians Facing Persecution**

O Lord God,

your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his resurrection

he restores life and peace in all creation.

Comfort, we pray, all victims of intolerance

and those oppressed by their fellow humans.

Remember in your kingdom those who have died.

Lead the oppressors towards compassion

and give hope to the suffering.

Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—from <http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/topical-prayers/prayer-for-christians-facing-persecution-abroad.aspx> [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

#### **Prayers for Reconciliation and Peace in Syria**

1. God of history,

witness of the struggles within families;

we pray for the divided family of Syria

as brother fights against brother,

and sister rejects sister.

We pray for those whose love of neighbour

has been destroyed in the bitterness of enmity.

May fear be submerged in compassion.

May distrust be diluted by hope,

as a vision of peace illuminates

darkened minds and hate-filled hearts.

We pray in the name of Christ,

our source of light and love. Amen.

—<http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/topical-prayers/prayers-for-syria.aspx> [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

1. Spirit of wisdom and grace,

the power of truth and judgement;

we pray for all who are working for peace

in the tangled conflict of Syria today.

For international leaders holding a thread of control,

for the politicians holding a thread of power,

for the religious leaders holding a thread of authority,

for the fighters holding a thread of influence,

and the citizens clinging to a thread of hope.

Bring unity through the untangled order of justice.

Bring reconciliation through truthful dialogue.

Bring new life through patient diplomacy,

determined mediation and courageous peace-making.

We pray in the name of Christ,

our source of inspiration and confidence. Amen.

—<http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/topical-prayers/prayers-for-syria.aspx> [RW 112 Prayers for Justice, Reconciliation, and Peace](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/prayers-justice-reconciliation-and-peace)

# WORSHIP SERVICES

## Aliens on the Way: Services for the six Sundays of Lent

[Marlene Koster](http://www.reformedworship.org/author/marlene-koster), [Louis Roossien](http://www.reformedworship.org/author/louis-roossien) [RW 22](http://www.reformedworship.org/issue/december-1991)

## Remembering Refugees

Rev. Elizabeth VanderHaagen, [“Proclaiming the Year of Jubilee”](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2006/proclaiming-year-jubilee) -*Reformed Worship 80*

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed. . . .”

*Call to Worship:* “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord” (Psalm 146 -Sing! A New Creation (SNC) 28)

*Read Psalm 146 with the SNC 28 serving as a sung refrain as follows: Choose a stately, rather than a dancing, tempo (q = 64-72). Begin with all the women on the alto melody, add the tenors after verse 4, basses after verse 10, then continue repeating a few more times, finally topping off the texture with sopranos on the descant. Use an energetic style, swaying and clapping on beats 2 and 4. This refrain was intended for singing unaccompanied except for percussion; use keyboard only perhaps to teach—let the percussion keep the joy. Perhaps you’ll want to try it in French also!*

*Song:* “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed -*Sing! a New Creation* (SNC) 120

*God’s Greeting*

*Mutual Greetings*

*Song:* “O God, Your Justice Towers” SNC 272

*Call to Confession*

Jesus calls us to release the oppressed, but we have not remembered refugees, people who are fleeing oppression.

Around the globe, 65 million displaced people\* are caught between the future and the past.

**Caught between looking for a new home while longing to return to their old homes.**

Men, women, and children who have had their lives put on hold.

**Waiting for the world’s solution to their predicament.**

Waiting for the people of God to offer a hand of assistance.

—Information from [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org/)

\*updated 3/8/2017

*Prayer of Confession*

*Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,*

*we confess that we have tried to hide from you,*

*for we have done wrong.*

*We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.*

*We have turned from our neighbors*

*and refused to bear the burdens of others.*

*We have ignored the pain of the world*

*and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.*

*In your great mercy, forgive our sins*

*and free us from selfishness,*

*that we may choose your will*

*and obey your commandments;*

*through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

*-Book of Common Worship, p. 54*

*Song: “Perdón Señor/Forgive Us, Lord SNC 59*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Hear the good news!*

*Who is in a position to condemn?*

*Only Christ,*

*and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,*

*Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.*

*Thanks be to God: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

*—Based on Romans 8:34*

*Song: “Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil” (There Is One Among Us, Wild Goose Publishing, 1998)*

*Prayer for Illumination*

Liberator Christ,

you came into a holy place

and read the sacred word

about sight for blind folk and freedom for prisoners.

Come to this place now.

Read these words to us

till our own eyes are opened, our faith is unlocked,

and we can see the world as it is,

and as it could be;

till the yearnings of ordinary people are taken seriously,

and the visions of the young are valued,

and the potential of the old is released;

till your kingdom is celebrated everywhere,

and your church is good news to the poor.

Amen.

—Iona Abbey Worship Book, p. 157. © 2001, Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland. GIA Publications, Inc., exclusive North American agent, 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago IL 60638, [www.giamusic.com](http://www.giamusic.com/), 800.442.1358. All rights reserved.

*Scripture:* Ruth 2; Matthew 25:31-46; Isaiah 58:6-12

Sermon Notes

* The story of Ruth tells how the people of God welcomed Ruth, a stranger. How do we receive refugees into our communities—with welcome or suspicion?
* In Matthew 25 Jesus gives us a stern warning about the final judgment. We will be judged on the basis of how we treated “the least of these” and whether or not we invited strangers into our homes and communities.
* Isaiah gives us a beautiful picture of God’s provision and of people returning and rebuilding their homes.
* Highlight the experiences of any refugees your church has sponsored, including the situations they’ve left behind.

*Song:* “Siyahamba / We Are Marching in the Light of God” SNC 293

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us celebrate and affirm our faith in the words of Mary’s song:

My heart praises you, O God,

**My spirit rejoices in you, my Savior.**

You have remembered me in my lowliness,

**and now I will be called blessed.**

You have done great things for me

**and shown mercy to all who trust you.**

You have stretched out your right arm

**and scattered the proud with all their plans.**

You have brought down the mighty from their thrones

**and lifted up the lowly.**

You have filled the hungry with good things

**and sent the rich away with empty hands.**

You have kept your promise to our mothers and fathers,

**and come to the help of your people,**

to Abraham and Sarah,

and to all generations for ever. Amen.

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*Offering*

Help the congregation learn about which refugees have made their homes in your area and consider what opportunities there may be to sponsor one or more families into your fellowship. Church World Service ([www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org/)) offers information about legislation affecting refugees and immigration as well as action opportunities.

*Prayer*

God of Abraham and Sarah,

You are a God who cares for people, especially when they must leave their homes and travel to new places. We pray for all who are leaving home behind today, especially those who are leaving because of war or persecution. Protect them from danger and provide for all of their needs.

God of the Exodus,

You are a God who cares for people and who hears the cries of the oppressed. We pray for all who are suffering oppression, especially economic oppression. Bring relief. Send your Spirit to work among the rich and powerful. We pray that all peoples in our world may flourish. Use us to bring about change.

God of Ruth,

You are a God who cares for the stranger and who provides the homeless with homes. We pray for all who are settling in new homes in strange lands today. We pray for their embrace into new communities. We pray for work and ways to provide food for families, for help in learning new languages.

Lord Jesus,

You lived among us and showed us how to live. Please help us by your Spirit to show your love and compassion and to see you in the faces of those who are the least among us. Help us to feed the hungry and thirsty, to clothe the naked, to care for the prisoners, to welcome the stranger. And help us to work for justice. Bring your kingdom here on earth quickly. In Jesus name, Amen.

*Song:* “Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope” SNC 282

*Blessing*

May the God who feeds the hungry and frees the prisoners, who gives sight to the blind and release to the captives, fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of Holy Spirit as you work toward the kingdom. Amen.

—From Luke 4:18-19; Rom. 15:13

*Song: “Eviado soy de Dios/Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” SFL 249 (also found in RW 68, p. 33)*

# DRAMA

## God's Eye Is on the Refugee: A Simple Drama, a Powerful Message

[Sonya VanderVeen Feddema](http://www.reformedworship.org/author/sonya-vanderveen-feddema-0), [RW 86](http://www.reformedworship.org/issue/december-2007)

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG

* [“Let Justice Flow”](http://www.reformedworship.org/article/march-2016/singing-sovereignty-christ) *Lift Up Your Hearts* #295 with melody and piano accompaniment in Reformed Worship 112 p. 17.
* Singing like David: *Songs of Celebration and Lament* -By [Becca Whitla](http://www.reformedworship.org/author/becca-whitla) [RW 120](http://www.reformedworship.org/issue/june-2016)
* [When Jesus Was a Refugee](http://www.hopepublishing.com/html/main.isx?sitesec=40.2.1.0&hymnID=5064) -Dan Damon

# Visual Arts

* [The Good Syrian](http://www.eyekons.com/joel_tanis/the_good_syrian) by Joel Schoon-Tanis
* [Eyekons.com](http://www.eyekons.com/) (Check out their church imagery bank)
* Include images that portray how things are meant to be in the kingdom—people of all backgrounds feasting together, people in prison being set free, refugees rebuilding homes.
* Jubilee by Ellen Yeomans, illustrated by Tim Ladwig (Eerdmans, 2004). This picture book is full of such images (See cover and p. 23).
* Portraits of the Word: Great Verses of the Bible in Expressive Calligraphy by Timothy R. Botts (Tyndale, 2001) includes an interpretation of Luke 4:18-19.
* Imaging the Word: An Arts and Lectionary Resource (United Church Press, 1994) is another helpful resource.