

Prayers for primary schools

A Litany for refugees

1. Jesus you and your family knew what it was like to live in a country where people where it was not safe. May those who are unsafe in their own country find a new safe place
2. Jesus, you and your family knew how scary and sad it was to leave your home and country. May the refugees today be comforted and safe.
3. Jesus you and your family returned home when it was safe. May countries become more safe so refugees can go home if they wish to.
4. Jesus you welcomed the stranger. Help us to welcome all those refugees who seek a safe home in Australia.
5. Jesus you gave us the example of caring for everyone. May we follow you and have love and compassion for refugees.

Based on See the Real Me Not Just the Refugee 2010 from the Simply Sharing program no longer on line

Prayer for people seeking asylum

1. Jesus help us to open our minds to learn about people seeking asylum and the hard things they have to face.
2. Jesus help us to open our hearts to share our love with people seeking asylum all over the world but especially in Australia.
3. Jesus help us to open our hands to give real help to those who are seeking asylum in whatever way we can.
4. Jesus help us to open our whole selves to receive the gifts that people seeking asylum in Australia can bring to us.

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O Creator God,
We see the needs of our sisters and brothers,
And those needs are great.
We want to turn away, but you call us back.
Through the gospels, you call us to listen, to learn and to act.
Help us to think wisely and love generously
To do what you would do.
Inspire us to respond to the call of Pope Francis
To care about people seeking asylum
So that they may all be safe and peaceful.

Prayer of the Faithful

1. For Pope Francis, our Bishops, that they may guide the Church with wisdom and holiness
2. For all of us, that in our attitudes and actions, we may imitate the compassionate love of Jesus.
3. For our political leaders, that they make laws that welcome and protect people seeking asylum.
4. For those who work with people seeking asylum that they may find strength and courage in the words of Jesus, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me".
5. For those who have tried to seek asylum in Australia, that they may soon have a safe place to live.

Based on [Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office Migrant Kit 2018](https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet/856-migrant-and-refugee-kit-2018/file)
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