A LITANY TO HONOR OUTLIERS

We walk in the company of children,
Vulnerable but resilient, full of wonder and of radical trust

We walk in the company of mothers,
Who teach us to resist evil with boldness, to lead with wisdom, and to heal

We walk in the company of fathers,
Who resist despair, have courage to hope, and grit to press forward

We walk in the company of Harriet Tubman,
Whose work and legacy of escaping slavery and freeing others who were enslaved started when her family was going to be sold and broken apart

We walk in the company of St. Maxmillian Kolbe,
Who refused to sign a document recognizing him as a German citizen and gave sanctuary to 2000 Jewish refugees hiding from persecution during WWII.

We walk in the company of St. Frances Cabrini,
Who followed the flow of immigrant families in the United States and founded schools and hospitals to assist them

We walk in the company of Mary Magdalene,
Who wept at an empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared

Amen.

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