



PRAYERS

In our own city of Chicago, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (d. 1917) walked our streets and cared for immigrant people. With deep faith, great compassion, and creative initiatives, she responded to immigrants in need. In this challenging moment in our history, let us pray through her intercession that God will enlighten and empower us to be true brothers and sisters of one another.

God our Father,
who called Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini from Italy
to serve the immigrants of America,
by her example,
teach us to have concern for the stranger,
the sick, and all those in need,
and by her prayers help us to see Christ
in all the men and women we meet.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

God of All Families, Cultures, and Nations you invite all of us to work together by accepting one another, appreciating one another, and valuing the gifts that each immigrant or refugee bring to us. Teach us to hold one another in love and respect. Today you invite all people—especially the young people—to bring their gifts and allow them to grow for the good of all. Help us to welcome and appreciate each other in our parish communities. We pray this in Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of Life and Compassion, we pray for our immigrant brothers and sisters, especially the refugees who have been uprooted from their homes and made difficult journeys to safety in other lands. Help us to see you, Jesus, in the faces of strangers, in the cries of children traveling to security and a better life without conflict, war and poverty. Help us to realize that we are a people of immigrants and that many of our ancestors came to the United States to escape war, and poverty too. May the gifts of our Gospel values help us to reach out and recognize the strangers among us, value the gifts that they bring to us and know that in journeying together we are each enriched. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. God of our Journey, accompany the many immigrants and refugees who are struggling for life. May we walk with one another and support them in their journey. Help us to realize that they are truly our brothers and sisters. Be with them with your love and compassion. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.