



## Litany for Immigrants

**Response: Your kingdom come, your will be done.**

1. Let us pray for the breaking in of God’s kingdom in our world today, especially for our immigrant brothers and sisters:
2. Lord God, because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things, we hold to his word and share his plea:
3. Where our nation budgets for war against immigrants and for prisons to hold them, while Christ says, “Put away your sword”:
4. Where our country tears spouses apart and separates parents from their children, while Christ says, “What God has joined let no one separate”:
5. Where many in our country say, ‘Send them back. Let them starve,’ while Christ says, “I was hungry . . . I was thirsty . . .”:
6. ***Where many in our country hold hatred in their hearts for immigrants, while Christ says, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself?” ...:***
7. Where our country continues to build walls and erect prisons, while Christ came to break down walls of oppression and build a kingdom of peace...:
8. ***Where our immigrant brothers and sisters are held captive by fear of discrimination and deportation, while Christ came to proclaim liberty to captives...:***
9. ***Where many in our society are blinded by fear of immigrants and imprisoned by ignorance of the gifts they offer, while Christ came to proclaim recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners...:***
10. ***Where for so many years our immigrant brothers and sisters have been denied a path to citizenship, while Christ came to announce a year of favor from the Lord...:***
11. Where our prayers falter, our faith weakens, our light grows dim:
12. Where Jesus Christ calls us to be his compassion:

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Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it. Bless our journey as we recommit ourselves to walk with our immigrant brothers and sisters as they seek to be welcomed and embraced by this country as has every other generation of immigrants from the founding of our nation. This we pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**



*“Yo andaba de extranjero y tú me acogiste”  
(Mateo 25:35)*

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## **CLOSING SONG: Salve Regina**

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae,  
Vita dulcedo, et spes nostra salve  
Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae,  
Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes, in hac lacrymarum valle  
Eia ergo advocata, nostra,  
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte  
Et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui  
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.  
O Clemens! O Pia! O dulcis Virgo Maria!