

Prayer

from Pope Francis' Message for
World Day of Migrants and
Refugees 2024

God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.
We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.
Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land is foreign to us.
Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

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"God walks with His People"

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**Suggestions for a step-by-step
itinerary to do together toward
World Day of Migrants and
Refugees 2024**

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4th stage: I was a stranger and you welcomed me

1st reader:

«Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me» (Mt 25:40).

2nd reader:

"The encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, "is also an encounter with Christ. He himself said so. It is he who knocks on our door, hungry, thirsty, an outsider, naked, sick and imprisoned, asking to be met and assisted"¹ [...] **Every encounter along the way represents an opportunity to meet the Lord**; it is an occasion charged with salvation, because Jesus is present in the sister or brother in need of our help. In this sense, the poor save us, because they enable us to encounter the face of the Lord²."

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- **Testimony** of a host/worker/witness. Presentation of a local project of accompaniment of migrants/refugees/vulnerable people
and/or
- **Prayer together**, or song/animation
and/or
- Brief moment of guided sharing on the **saving encounter with the other, "my neighbor becomes for me an opportunity to meet the Lord"**.

To read **Pope Francis' message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024**,
from which this subsidy is taken,
and download additional background material,
frame the QR code



¹ Homily, Mass with Participants in the "Free from Fear" Meeting, Sacrofano, 15 February 2019

² cf. Message for the Third World Day of the Poor, 17 November 2019

