



FRANCISCAN FRIARS
Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Litany for Day of Fasting and Prayer for Migrants

Leader: Brothers, let us bring to God, who watches over the stranger and neglected, our prayers for all who seek freedom, peace, and justice in their lives.

Lector: For the refugees, migrants, and displaced persons of this world,
Assembly: Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come to you.

Lector: O God do not be silent;
Assembly: Do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God.

Lector: God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Assembly: Have mercy upon them.

Lector: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Assembly: Have mercy upon them.

Lector: God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Assembly: Have mercy upon them.

Lector: Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Assembly: Pray for them.

Lector: All you holy Archangels, Angels, and bodiless powers of heaven,
Assembly: Be at their side to guide and guard them on their way.

Lector: All you holy Saints of God,
Assembly: Intercede for them.

Lector: All you faithful Martyrs,
Assembly: Stand beside them.

Lector: For all who travel the road of uncertainty and enter foreign lands,
Assembly: Loving God, guide and accompany them.

Lector: For all who have left their homes and do not know where they will go,
Assembly: Loving God, take them to the green pastures
and lead them beside still waters.

Lector: For all who are walking though the valley of the shadow of death,
Assembly: Loving God, comfort them with your rod and your staff.

Lector: For things we have done and left undone that contributed to their suffering,
Assembly: Lord have mercy and forgive us.

Lector: For our policies and laws that have broken hearts
and separated children and parents;
Assembly: Lord have mercy and forgive us.

Lector: For political or economic interests and agendas that make us blind or indifferent
to human suffering and need,
Assembly: Lord have mercy and forgive us.

Lector: May all who live in safety, comfort, and privilege,
Assembly: Show forth your praise not only with their lips but in their lives.

Lector: Give us your grace and the will to overcome fear, violence, and prejudice,
Assembly: That we may love one another as ourselves.

Lector: Open the borders of our hearts and minds,
Assembly: That we may welcome each person as the Christ.

Lector: To all who work with refugees, migrants, and displaced persons,
Assembly: Give wise minds, gentle hands, and compassionate hearts.

Lector: To the leaders of this nation, especially the President and Congress,
Assembly: Give humility and guide them in the ways
of human dignity, peace, and justice.

Lector: To all who work for unity, justice, freedom, and peace,
Assembly: Give wisdom, creativity, and perseverance.

Lector: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Assembly: Have mercy upon us.

Lector: Lord, hear our prayer,
Assembly: And let our cry come to you.

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