

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES (WDMR)

29 SEPTEMBER 2019

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT MIGRANTS



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**Priest** - Ever confident in the graciousness and goodness of God, let us ask our loving Father that we may be filled with a compassionate and benevolent heart. We lift up to God the Father all the needs of the Migrants, the Refugees, the trafficked and all the displaced persons everywhere. With confidence in his grace, we pray:

*Response - Lord, listen to your people*

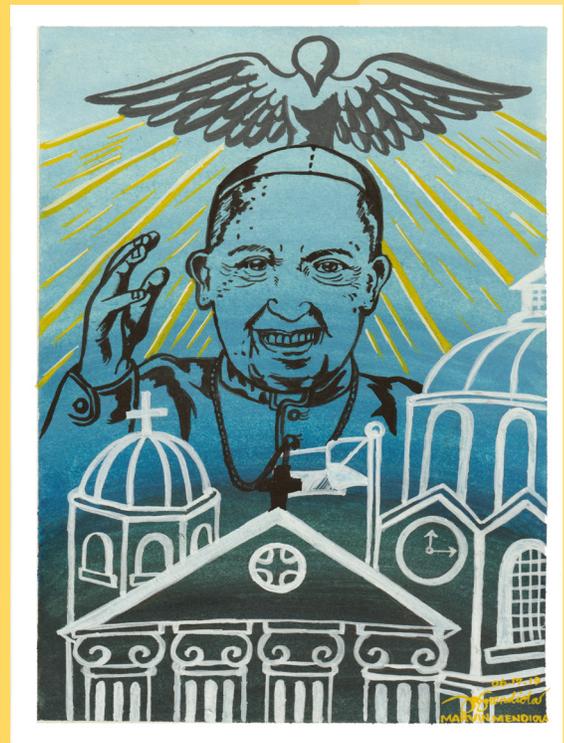
**L - For the Church:**

We pray that the Pope, the Bishops, Priests, and all those entrusted with leadership roles in the Church may be filled with the Holy Spirit and show forth to the world the beauty of the Christian way of Life.

***We pray, (R)***

**L - For Government Leaders:**

That they may have the courage and the political will to enact laws geared towards the protection and welfare of the migrants and refugees and be able to map out concrete programs and services that will promote their dignity and well-being. ***We pray, (R)***



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**L - For the Victims of Slavery and Human Trafficking:**

For all trafficked persons, forced into labor, sexual slavery, and denied freedom, that may they be released from their chains. May they be granted protection, safety, and their dignity restored, and envisage for themselves new beginnings and total liberation. *We pray, (R)*



**L - For the Refugees and their families:**

That they may find peace in their hearts, in the midst of war and violence; and that conflicts among nations be resolved and that they may find welcome and acceptance from Good Samaritans for them to truly feel that they belong to one united human family, blessed and graced by the God of all nations.

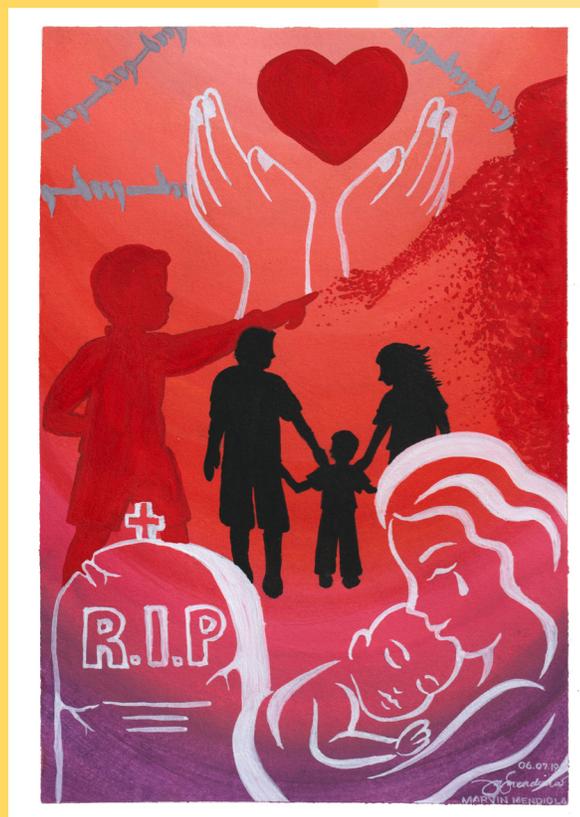
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## L - For the Migrants and their families:

Lord God in your eyes nobody is a stranger. Please protect all migrants and their families. Heal the pain of all families divided and fragmented because of geographical and physical separation. That they may find ways to cope with all the hardships especially loneliness through the aid of prayers, determination and self-discipline. ***We pray, (R)***



## L - For the Deceased Migrants:

For all people on the move whose lives have perished while crossing borders and the perilous seas, that the God of mercy and compassion may embrace them into his loving arms and find eternal rest and be consoled in their heavenly home. ***We pray, (R)***

**Priest** - May these prayers, O loving Father, sustain us with the help of your Spirit and through your graciousness we may continue to be zealous and faithful in promoting the well-being of the most vulnerable. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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