

Together we pray

Compassionate God, make your loving presence felt by refugees and migrants, torn from home, family and everything familiar. Warm, especially, the hearts of the young, the old, and the most vulnerable among them. Help them know that you accompany them as you accompanied Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their exile to Egypt. Lead refugees and migrants to a new home and a new hope, as you led the Holy Family to their new home in Nazareth. Open our hearts to receive them as our sisters and brothers in whose face we see your son, Jesus.

Amen.

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*Happy Christmas and
every Blessing in 2016*

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Syrian migrant
Source: International New York Times

We pray with the Church

8th December: beginning of The Year of Mercy.

“The motto of this Year of Mercy, ‘Be merciful like the Father,’ is an invitation for each one of us to love as God the Father does, not with judgement, not with condemnation, but to offer love and offer forgiveness without measure, to the extent that we are able.”

Universal: EXPERIENCING GOD’S MERCY

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: FAMILIES

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



We pray with the World

2nd December International day for the Abolition of Slavery

“No one can claim to be indifferent in the face of new forms of slavery imposed by criminal organizations which buy and sell men, women and children as forced labourers in construction, agriculture, fishing or in other markets. How many minors are still forced to fight in militias as child soldiers! How many people are victims of organ trafficking, forced begging and sexual exploitation! Today’s refugees are fleeing from these aberrant crimes, and they appeal to the Church and the human community to ensure that, in the outstretched hand of those who receive them, they can see the face of the Lord, ‘the Father of mercies and God of all consolation.’”(2 Cor 1:3).

Pope Francis

18th December International Migrant’s day.

“Dear brothers and sisters, migrants and refugees! At the heart of the Gospel of mercy the encounter and acceptance by others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person! Do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope and joy of life born of your experience of God’s mercy, as manifested in the people you meet on your journey! I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Mother of migrants and refugees, and to Saint Joseph, who experienced the bitterness of emigration to Egypt. To their intercession I also commend those who invest so much energy, time and resources to the pastoral and social care of migrants. To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.”

Pope Francis

We pray with the Institute

- That we make all efforts to reclaim the freshness of the Gospel of Good News
- That while making decisions we may remember to bring those forced to live in poverty to the centre of our life and ministry.
- That we may be open to go where the need is the greatest like Christ did.
- That we allow ourselves to be challenged by the Babe in the Manger to live sustainably, discerning what is enough.
- That like Christ we create the oneness that moves us across boundaries