



Novena Against Racism, A Novena for America

Day 7

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Globalization of Poverty & Migration Working Group

Prayer for Those Who Migrate

Mary knew the weariness of the journey;
to Bethlehem, to Egypt, back to Nazareth.
She knew the weariness, the fear, the longing for home,
the need to continue moving, moving,
the longing for journey's end,
the longing for at least a semblance of home.

To Mary we entrust the mothers, the fathers, the children
who today are holy families
migrating in hope, in fear, in longing,
for peace, for some security, for something like a home.
May they find their journey's end
as we open ourselves to their stories,
their need, their spirits.
We ask for mercy for all migrants and for our communities
who are challenged to welcome them,
to hold up hope for a new beginning.

Jane Deren, Education for Justice

(See next page for **Prayers for the
Stations of the Cross for Migrants and Im-
migrants. The full stations can be found at:**
<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/>)



The Stations of the Cross For Migrants and Immigrants

I Jesus is Condemned to Death

Lord, Jesus, you knew the bitterness of immigration, give us a sense of solidarity to welcome migrants who walk in search for a better future.

II. Jesus Accepts His Cross

Jesus, with our migrant brothers and sisters, we carry this cross with love remembering that one day we will be with you in paradise.

III. Jesus Fall the First time

Oh God! May we also help our brothers and sisters up from their fall, showing trust, understanding and solidarity.

IV. Jesus Meets His Mother

Thank God for Mary, who was with Jesus in both good times and bad. Lord God, intercede for the migrant woman who suffers daily from loneliness and separation. Open our hearts to understand and love these women and mothers.

V. Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

Lord Jesus Christ, allow that in the bottom of our hearts we can be a loving presence to our weaker brethren. May your spirit help us to sacrifice our time to meet the needs of migrants with love.

VI. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

We extend our prayers Almighty God for all rulers and authorities that, like Veronica, they will be compassionate to the migrant and pass laws favorable to human rights, migrants, and their families.

VII. Jesus Falls the Second Time.

We ask Lord, that you who knew the bitterness of forced migration, move us to solidarity with those who search for a better future.

VIII. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Lord we ask you for intercession or your mother. Enlighten the path and the hearts of the children and parents who are forced to leave out of necessity. Give them strength to overcome the difficulties that are present in other lands.

IX. Jesus Falls the Third Time

God, of life, we ask that your protect your sons and daughters who are migrants on a way full of risks and hazards. Help them overcome obstacles to find a decent job, to get up again, and move on.

X. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

Jesus, deliver us from immorality. Clean our anxious hearts from earthly pleasures. Stop the desire for profit and goods made at any price and give us a compassionate heart like yours.

XI. Jesus is Nailed To the Cross

Lord Jesus, many migrants have been robbed on the road. Through your Holy Spirit guide our leaders to govern fairly, fighting always for the welfare of weaker people.

XII. Jesus Dies On the Cross

Lord, you knew the bitterness of immigration, give us a sense of solidarity to welcome families and not violate the dignity of any human being with an attitude of selfishness and indifference.

XIII. Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

God, of life, give us compassion and help us to serve our migrant brothers and sisters.

XIV. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Lord, do not let anyone or anything separate us from you. Lord, help us to stand strong in our faith and not hesitate or falter in our loyalty and trust of your love. Remind us that your love will not fail us so that our spirit will always remain firm in your holy service.

XV. The Resurrection

Lord, God. We pray that those who have experienced rebirth through immigration will now serve others who want to migrate as well. Give them a grateful heart that they might assist others in their transition to new life.

(Adapted from: The Interfaith Immigration Coalition's Station of the Cross)