



## **Good and gracious God,**

we thank you for the gift of families.  
We are grateful for all of the joy and love  
that they bring into our lives,  
and we ask that you provide  
special protection for all families,  
particularly those who face hardships  
as they move in search of a better life.  
Show mercy to those who travel in danger,  
and lead them to a place of safety and peace.  
Comfort those who are alone and afraid because  
their families have been torn apart by violence  
and injustice.

As we reflect upon the difficult journey  
that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt,  
help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families.  
Through the intercession of Mary our Mother,  
and St. Joseph the Worker, her spouse,  
we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their  
loved ones  
and find the meaningful work they seek.  
Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality  
for all who come in search of refuge.  
Give us the courage to welcome every stranger  
as Christ in our midst.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever. Amen.

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