

A Prayer for Immigrants

**Source of Life who is known by many names;
Over-turner and illuminator of hearts;**

We gather with gratitude for the earth and all who journey in it.

We give thanks for the interconnectedness of all creation.

Support for those without support;

Stronghold of those without protection;

We declare openly the times we have fallen short
From living out the call to justice our sacred stories
place upon us;

From hearing the plight of the creation yearning for
justice;

From seeing the harm our way of life and our
policies inflict upon creation.

Source of Wisdom who is known by many names;

**The Prophet Mohammed asks: What actions are
most excellent?**

To gladden the heart of a human being;

To feed the hungry;

To help the afflicted;

To lighten the sorrow of the sorrowful;

To remove the wrongs of the injured;

Let us not forget.

**The Psalmist asks: Who is fit to hold power and
worthy to act in God's place?**

Those with a passion for the truth, who are horrified
by injustice;

Who act with mercy to the poor and take up the
cause of the helpless;

Who have let go of selfish concerns and see the
whole creation as sacred.

Let us not forget.

**Jesus, carpenter of Nazareth, asks: What is the
greatest commandment?**

To love your creator;

To love your neighbor;

To undermine oppressive powers with life-giving
actions;

To be in solidarity with all who suffer;

To act for justice;

And to teach others to act for justice

Let us not forget.

**Source of Justice who is known by many names;
Open our eyes that we may see the immigrant and
undocumented;**

Not as threats, but as brothers and sisters whose
dignity is tied to our own dignity;

And whose lack of freedom calls into question our
own freedom;

**The farm worker, the hotel maid, the line cook, the
childcare provider, the healthcare worker and so
many others.**

Source of Justice who is known by many names;

Today we stand in solidarity with all those across
this nation living in sanctuary as a result of unjust
and inhumane policies.

Today we say: "Presente," with Elvira Arellano
whose plight for true immigration reform has
galvanized a movement.

Today we claim our place among those who
struggle for justice in the canvass of history.

**Let us not swerve from the path of righteousness
that leads to just and equitable relationship.**

**Give us the courage to stand with those crossing
our borders;**

Living in the shadows;

Risking all to support their families;

**Give us the strength to confront the prejudice and
intolerance of those who are fearful;**

And respond by closing our borders to those who
sojourn seeking life and opportunity;

**Give us the will to leave behind and open up the
safety of our sanctuaries and temples;**

That our voice, our heart, our spirit will join the
voice, heart and spirit of all who demand to live
with respect, justice and peace;

And that our buildings of worship may be known as
a place of refuge and respite.

Source of Direction who is known by many names;

In our daily living let us be reminded;

Of the worth and dignity of every person regardless
of their legal status;

And let us not forget;

That the creation is founded on justice;

And that we have the moral responsibility to bring
forth justice into these times.

May it be so.

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