

# World Refugee Day Liturgical and Formation Resources

## 1) Episcopal Church Resources

*Refugee Sunday Liturgical Planning Guide from Episcopal Migration Ministries*

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/wp-content/uploads/Refugee-Sunday-Planning-Guide-v1.pdf>

An excellent resource for incorporating the concerns of World Refugee Day into your Sunday worship, with collects and prayers, prayers of the people/litany, hymn suggestions, sermon resources (including many scriptural references to refugees and migration), talking points for announcements, social media tips, and suggestions for community engagement. There are also suggestions for various occasions during the liturgical year that would be appropriate to dedicate to Refugee Sunday (it doesn't have to be the closest to World Refugee Day). You could also take some of the scripture references in the sermon resource section and create a Bible study series or stand alone session.

If going through this entire document is too overwhelming, here are a couple of ideas:

*Prayer for Refugees:*

*(Shared by the Refugee Community Center at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator (Allentown), Diocese of Bethlehem)*

God our Creator: We ask for your loving presence and for your peace to be with refugees in our local communities and around the world. Be with all who are in fear. Be with those whose lives and livelihoods are under threat, and whose religious freedoms are being compromised. Be with us as we strive to enact your will in our welcome and support of refugees. Be with those in positions of leadership, that their decisions may bend toward peace and not division, and that they might realize the power they hold to do justice. Give us all strength and courage. Equip and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and bearers of hope, especially for those seeking refuge. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

*Prayers of the People with Refugee Facts:*

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/wp-content/uploads/Church-Resources-Prayers-of-the-People-for-Refugees-and-Displaced-People-1.pdf>

These Prayers of the People were written especially for Episcopal Migration Ministries, and the third page includes helpful facts about refugees you could include in your worship bulletin.

*Other Episcopal Migration Ministries Resources*

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/study/>

- EMM Refugee Advent Prayer Vigil – EMM offers a prayer vigil, modeled off a ‘Blue Christmas’ prayer service, to invite prayer and reflection on Advent themes in a world being transformed by forced migration. Download EMM Refugee Prayer Vigil [PDF](#) or [Word doc](#).
- Epiphany Bible Study – EMM offers three four Bible studies based on Epiphany readings for Revised Common Lectionary Years B & C, one Bible study based on the Gospel of John, and one Bible study based on the Gospel of Mark. All are adaptable for any time of year. Request the [2021 Epiphany Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark](#). [2020 Epiphany Bible Study on the Gospel of John](#). [Request the 2019 Year C Curriculum](#). [Request the 2018 Year B Curriculum](#).
- [Lenten Devotions](#) – In partnership with the Episcopal Asylum Ministry Network, EMM released written reflections daily from Ash Wednesday, February 17, through Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.
- [Reflections on Stations of the Cross](#): A digital booklet, available in English and Spanish, and a compilation of audio meditations are available for download.
- [Refugee Sunday Toolkit](#) – EMM offers a comprehensive toolkit that guides congregations through the process of planning and hosting a Refugee Sunday, including tips for additional activities to welcome the wider community into this special day.
- [EMM Book Discussion Kits](#) – We have an incredible opportunity to learn from the experiences of our immigrant siblings by reading their words and understanding their contexts. Episcopal Migration Ministries offers these book discussion kits as a way to empower local congregations, book clubs, and other groups to learn more about immigrant communities and individuals.
- Hometown Podcast – Subscribe on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Play](#), and [Stitcher](#), and find episodes and additional material on our [blog](#).

## 2) Anglican Church of Canada Resources

<https://pwrdf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/World-Refugee-Day-worship-resource.pdf>

“Welcoming the Stranger” : A full package of worship, formation, and advocacy resources. Includes a dramatic reading of Matthew 25, an interactive “sermonette” based on Ruth, and a Sunday school lesson.

*Diocese of Toronto*

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Prayers-and-Worship-Resources-for-Refugee-Sunday.pdf>

Includes ecumenical prayers, an “Immigrant’s Creed,” hymn suggestions, and a Lutheran litany