**Prayer for Migrants and Refugees**

**Mary Most Holy, you, together with St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, experienced the suffering of exile.**

 **You were forced to flee to Egypt to escape the persecution of Herod.**

**Today we entrust the men, women and children who live as migrants and refugees to your maternal protection.**

**Grant us the grace to welcome them with Christian hospitality, so that these brothers and sisters of ours may find acceptance and understanding on their journey.**

**Teach us to recognize your Son**

**in the migrant who labors to bring food to our tables;**

**in the refugee seeking protection from persecution, war, and famine;**

**in the woman and child who are victims of human trafficking;**

**in the asylum seeker imprisoned for fleeing without documents.**

**May all those who are far from their place of birth find in the Church a home where no one is a stranger.**

**We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

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