PRAYING WITH MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND EXILED PEOPLE OF OUR WORLD

(At the beginning of the prayer, we express aloud names and situations of people whom we are witnessing, or put phrases, pictures of people in exile, or in situations of migration or refugees)

**Song or prayer to the Holy Spirit or song or prayer of your choice.**

**WE CONTEMPLATE THE IMMENSITY OF GOD’S LOVE**

We prepare our hearts to contemplate and praise God... The invitation is to go out and open the heart which is the space of the transformation... to watch and worship the beauty of God manifested in my personal life, my community, my team, in the family, and in all creation. I praise the Lord in the immensity of God’s love... *in the silence*

**I WORSHIP GOD WITH THE COMMUNITY OF TOBIT**

«I exalt my God, the King of the Universe»

Walk together with the Word of the God always new... as drizzle that soaks the ground... Scriptures put us in contact with humanity and we praise with all creation. We need to thank and to praise God for the infinite love for us.

**Reading of Tobit, 13, 1:5:** The story is set among the Israelites exiled in Nineveh, the Assyrian country. Thus, the portrait of Tobit and his family is offered as a living program, and where mercy has the last word. It invites us to look upwards, to "God who lives forever", and his reign that «lives forever».

“Then Tobit spoke and composed a song of joyful praise; he said: Blessed be God who lives forever, because his kingship lasts for all ages. For he afflicts and shows mercy, casts down to the depths of Hades, brings up from the great abyss. What is there that can snatch from his hand? Give thanks to him, you Israelites, in the presence of the nations, for though he has scattered you among them, even there recount his greatness. Exalt him before every living being, because he is your Lord, and he is your God, our Father and God forever and ever! He will afflict you for your iniquities, but will have mercy on all of you. He will gather you from all the nations among whom you have been scattered”. The Word of the Lord.

--Pray from our reality in light of this word... bring the Word of God for today, telling stories of migrants, refugees, indigenous peoples; people in situations of violence, of the street...
LIVE THE FORGIVENESS

We always have a distance between our desire to love and God's desire. We need to feel the embrace of our merciful Father, living forgiveness... embrace the peace that we are longing for, for all peoples. We welcome this desire for reconciliation... Silence

Reading: ISAIAH 45,2:8 :

“I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by name”.

I will go before you and level the mountains; Bronze doors I will shatter, iron bars I will snap. I will give you treasures of darkness, riches hidden away, that you may know I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by name. For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by name, giving you a title, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you do not know me, so that all may know, from the rising of the sun to its setting, that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other. I form the light, and create the darkness, I make weal and create woe; I, the LORD, do all these things. Let justice descend, you heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the clouds drop it down. Let the earth open and salvation bud forth; let righteousness spring up with them! I, the LORD, have created this.

I GIVE MYSELF TO GOD OF LIFE AND PEACE

I give myself to God and I ask God to achieve in me everything He desires for the mission, and in each person whom I meet in the Good Shepherd Mission...

I decide a concrete action in relation to the plight of the refugees, migrants...

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