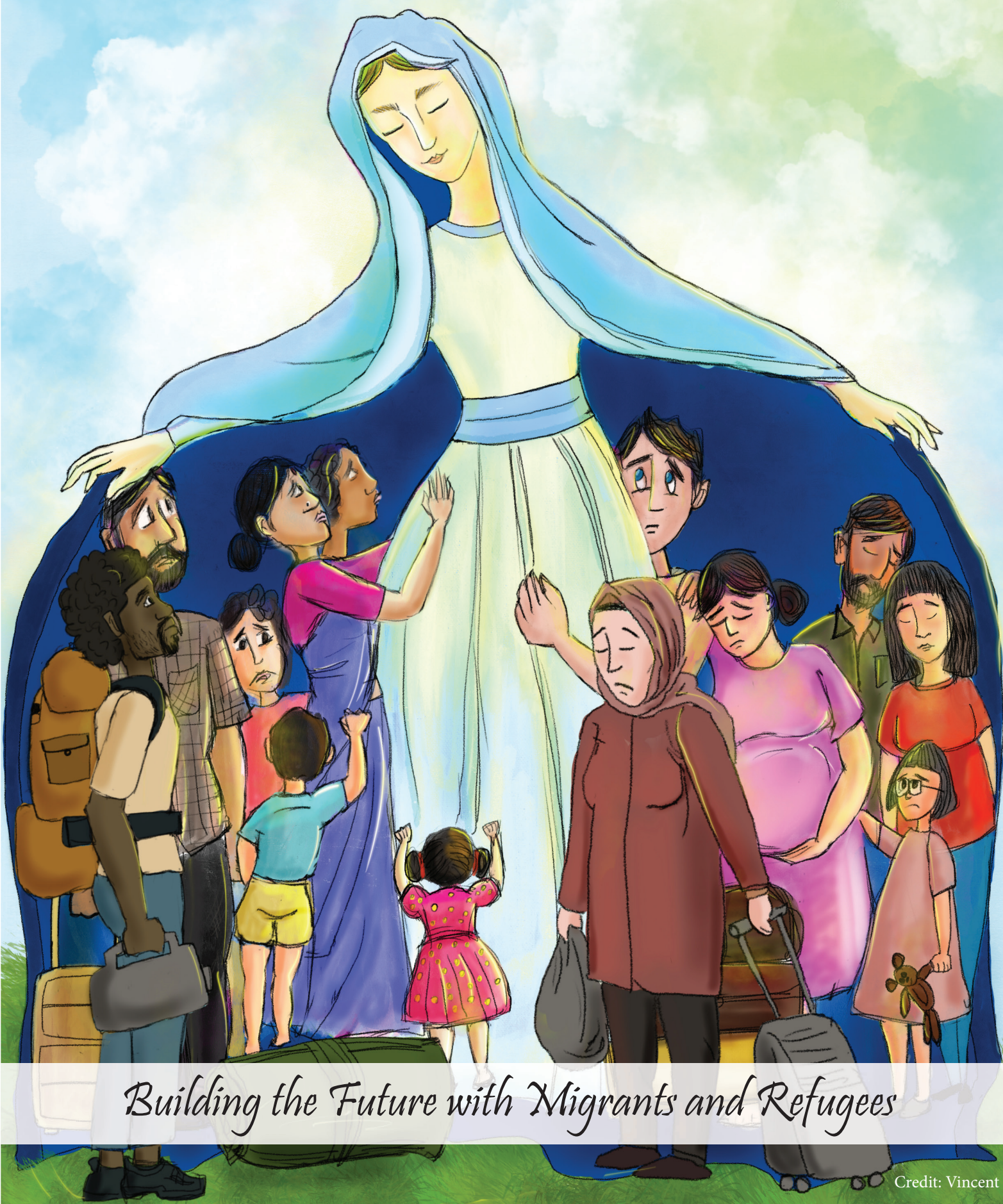


WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

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THE ROSARY



Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees

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INTRODUCTION

Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022 reflects on the importance of including migrants and refugees in building a better world as he has chosen the theme: Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees. Earlier in *Fratelli Tutti* Pope gave a spiritual and intellectual invitation for global fraternity and solidarity based on the culture of a loving relationship. "Each of us is fully a person when we are part of a people" (FT, 182). He gives direction to build bridges of love that have been wrecked by war, ideological fights, structural sin, and systematic unfairness. In the same vein, it is being discussed these days that Synodality is the path God expects from the Church. It is associated with the grace of reform, renewal, and re-appropriation.

We are invited to realise the call of *Fratelli Tutti* and Synodality via walking with individuals and communities that are vulnerable, excluded, marginalised, migrants, and refugees, as the guardians of one another. Therefore, we seek the blessings and assistance of the Mother of God and our Mother to help us become a beacon of hope for the poor, the outcasts of the World, and those whose dignity has been violated as we recite the Rosary for the intentions of migrants and refugees.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE (Doxology)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT FATIMA

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. THE ANNUNCIATION (Luke 1:26-38)

Mary responded to God's invitation with a total and unconditional "Yes". Let us offer this decade for those who work among migrants and refugees that they, like Mary, may have the generous attitude to respond to their work challenges wholeheartedly.

2. THE VISITATION (Luke 1:39-45)

Mary demonstrates her commitment and care to her cousin St Elizabeth. She offers her service and fulfils the plan of salvation. Let us pray through this decade for those who are broken-hearted, the embittered, those in despair, and are lonely.

3. THE NATIVITY (Luke 2:8-14)

Our Lord is born poor but to a faith-filled loving parents so rich at heart. Meditating on the nativity of our Lord, we pray for the children of the migrants and refugees that they be protected against abuse and neglect and receive due education, love and care they need.

4. THE PRESENTATION (Luke 2:22)

The presentation of Jesus at the Temple by his parents denotes faith, dutifulness, and gratitude towards Almighty God. Praying this decade of the Rosary, we shall offer millions of refugees and migrants who are uprooted from their homes and left to the mercy of the receiving nations that God may be their comfort and help.

5. THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE (Luke 2:41-50)

This mystery unfolds the journey of life, having its varied dimensions such as anxiety, sorrow and uncertainty. We pray through this mystery that the rights of migrants and refugees are recognized and their dignity protected as they wander from place to place in pitiful conditions.



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THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. THE AGONY OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE (Matthew 26:36-46)

Our Christian calling challenges us today, to be an Angel of comfort to all those in agony of losing everything they called their own, especially the Migrants and refugees ripped by wars. May we welcome them and make them our partners in building our future.

2. JESUS IS SCOURGED AT THE PILLAR (Mark 15:15)

The scourging of Jesus reminds us how, powerful Pilate is pressurized into releasing Barabbas and had Jesus scourged in spite of having found no guilt in Him. We pray for the leaders of the world that they may hold on to what is true, right and good, no matter how much pressure or opposition they face.

3. JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS (Mark 15:16-20)

Jesus Christ still bleeds with the crown of thorns today, in the migrants and refugees who are laden with burdens too heavy to bear for no fault of theirs. May our blessed mother inspire the nations of the world to help, ease their burdens.

4. JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS (Luke 23:26-32)

A large crowd followed Jesus, including women who sympathised Him and wept publicly, showing their disapproval of what they witnessed. During this decade of Rosary, we pray for the courage to stand up for truth, justice and in defence of the innocents even to stand alone, against the popular opinion or judgements.

5. THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS (John 19:25-30)

At the foot of the cross, Jesus gifted us His mother, knowing well how much we will need her by our side as we walk our own way of the cross. May our brothers and sisters, who walk their way to Calvary in the company of our blessed mother today, experience the glorious Joy of Easter.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. RESURRECTION OF JESUS (John 20:14-18)

Meditation on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ invites us to reaffirm our own hope for resurrection. Suffering, pain and death shall no longer have a last say on our destiny. May our blessed mother help the migrants and refugees hold on to this hope.

2. THE ASCENSION OF JESUS (Luke 24:50-53)

The mystery of the ascension reminds us, of Jesus who is completely taken up to the Father's glory. We pray that the whole humanity, especially the migrants and refugees may look to the future with optimism and confidence.

3. THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 2:1-4)

The descent of the Holy Spirit stirred the timid disciples into bold witnesses for the Gospel. Through the intercession of Mary queen of the apostles, we pray for a new Pentecost on the mother Church, who is called to witness her prophetic mission in our challenging time.

4. THE ASSUMPTION (Luke 1:28)

The tradition of the Catholic Church reminds us that Mary's role in salvation history did not end with her Assumption into Heaven. She continually intercedes for her children. May the scattered families of migrants and refugees be safely reunited.

5. THE CORONATION OF MARY (Revelations 12:1-6)

Mother Mary, who said 'yes' to God in all things is now the Queen of heaven and earth. May our queen and mother receive into heaven our departed loved ones, especially those who died sudden deaths in wars, violence, accidents, natural and manmade calamities.

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (Matthew 3:13-17)

At the Baptism, Jesus was declared as God's beloved son, manifesting deep Trinitarian intimacy. Praying this decade of the rosary, we ask that the migrants and refugees never doubt the unconditional love of God even at the darkest moments their life.

2. THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA (John 2:1-11)

This mystery of the Rosary affirms that Jesus listens to requested prayers and becomes part of the human struggle. We pray for those who walk with migrants and refugees by showing them care and concern as they navigate the complexities and challenges of life.

3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM MESSAGE (Mark 1:14-15)

This mystery of the Rosary reminds us of the call of the Church to build our future/God's Kingdom on earth with the migrants and refugees, as we are all one family and parts of the mystical body of Christ whoever and wherever we come from or go to.

4. THE TRANSFIGURATION (Matthew 17:1-8)

Transfiguration was an occasion to strengthen the faith of the closest disciples. The transfiguration foreshadowed Jesus' resurrection, his victory and glory. May our own firm hope for heavenly glory help us face all storms of the present life with fortitude.

5. THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST (1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

This mystery reveals Jesus' unconditional love for the human race, to the extent of becoming food for us. When we love others as Jesus loved us, especially the neediest ones, His light shines and we too become bread broken for others like Jesus. We pray for this grace.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

