

## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

National Migration Week is observed from September 23-29, 2024. On Sunday, the 29th, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees is an opportunity to pray, reflect and act on behalf of our migrant siblings across the globe.

Pope Francis writes, "... On this day... let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them, be 'synodal' together, and entrust them, as well as the forthcoming Synod Assembly, to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a sign of sure hope and consolation to the faithful people of God as they continue on their journey."

### PRAYER

God, we are your pilgrim church journeying towards the kingdom of heaven.

We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners.

Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us.

Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven.

Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world  
you have given us as a temporary home.

Help us keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters,  
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.

Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need  
becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son... Amen

Thank you, Holy Name Province, for sharing this prayer with all of us.