

*Monthly Christian Prayer Vigil at the Home Office*

**Prayer Vigil for Sanctuary:**

**marking World Day of Refugees and Migrants 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Theme: building the future together with migrants and refugees...**

***A few moments of silence and contemplation before the 'barbed wire icon'***

**Opening Prayers**

Leader Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives, as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike,

All **Refresh us with your mercy, you who know our own injustice.**

Leader As the stream flows steadily on, defying all the odds of stone and water,

All **Flow over every boundary and border that separates us from each other.**

Leader As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us

All **Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.**

**Opening hymn**

**Psalm My soul magnifies the Lord**

**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his Name.

**He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm,  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever."**

**Prayers of repentance**

- Loving Jesus, as a child, and in fear of your life, you were forced to seek refuge in Egypt. You know what it is like to be rejected, and to be an outsider. You call us to love our neighbours as ourselves But we have hardened our hearts against strangers. **Forgive us and help us change.**
- You told us not to judge, yet we listen to rumours and fail to check facts. We hear what is best for us and not what is good for those in need. **Forgive us and help us change.**
- You said we must welcome everyone, those speaking different languages, and with different beliefs and cultures, But we have turned our backs on opportunities to widen our experience We have shut out foreigners from our communities. **Forgive us and help us change.**
- Today we are called more than ever to welcome those fleeing from war. Open our hearts, and those of our neighbourhood, of our city, of our country and of our continent, to those who need shelter from the war in Ukraine. **Forgive us, and help us change.**

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#### Reading Names from 'The List'

The names or details which follow are those of people who have died trying to obtain sanctuary in Europe or the UK. We read them so as to honour their lives and to mourn the injustice of their deaths. Sadly, hundreds, maybe thousands of names are unknown, as in this list, but as Pope Francis said, 'Every one has a name, a face and a story'. We can only imagine their stories, their hopes and dreams. Today we mark those who died in August or September 2021.

|    | Date     | Names/Numbers   | Details   |
|----|----------|---|---|
| 1  | 12/08/21 | 13 unknown people, including one woman                    | From Sub-Saharan Africa died of hunger/thirst, lost at sea for 31 days on way from Dakhla (Western Sahara) to Spain; 12 went missing, 30 were rescued <i>AlarmPhone/IOM</i>           |
| 2  | 12/08/21 | One unknown man   | From Eritrea, presumed drowned, his girlfriend saw him jump in the Channel when boat sank off coast of Dunkirk (France) <i>BBC/Evening Standard/ExpressUK/CMS/InfoMigrants</i>        |
| 3  | 12/08/21 | Henok Zaid Gebrsslasie (man, 23)                          | Eritrea suicide at mental health facility in Coventry (GB); fled Eritrea age 14 to avoid military service <i>BBC</i>  |
| 4  | 12/08/21 | One unknown man of 27                                     | Eritrea died of cardio-respiratory arrest in hospital in Calais (France); found unconscious on boat in The Channel <i>BBC/Evening Standard/ExpressUK/CMS/InfoMigrants</i>             |
| 5  | 13/08/21 | 10 unknown people   | North Africa drowned when boat shipwrecked off the coast of Bourmedes (Algeria) on way to Spain; 6 rescued <i>Heroes/IOM</i>  |
| 6  | 16/08/21 | 47 unknown people. (incl 3 children; 10 women)            | Died of hunger/thirst, boat found off coast of Nouadhibou (Morocco) after 2 weeks adrift at sea; 8 rescued <i>Xinhua/Caminando/IOMMauretania</i>                                      |
| 7  | 18/08/21 | 1 Mohammed Munib Majeedi (a boy of 5)                     | From Afghanistan fell from 9th floor window of asylum hotel in Sheffield (GB), Home Office was aware of safety concerns <i>Sun/Telegraph/JPhillimore/Guardian</i>                     |
| 8  | 19/08/21 | 52 unknown people (incl boy, 2; 16 women - 1 preg; 2 men) | From Ivory Coast 2 bodies found on inflatable boat 6 days on way from Africa to Canary Islands (Spain); 50 missing, 1 rescued <i>Jacobin/Wire/EP/EuroNews/AlarmPhone/InfoMigrants</i> |
| 9  | 21/08/21 | 18 unknown people (2 children; 1 woman; 15 men)           | From Egypt, unknown drowned, small boat capsized after engine failed on way from Libya to Italy; 1 body found, 17 miss, 51 rescued <i>Mada</i>  |
| 10 | 25/08/21 | 7 unknown people  | From Western Asia presumed drowned, remains washed ashore at Mellitah beach, <i>Sabratha (Libya) IOMLibya</i>   |
| 11 | 25/08/21 | 49 unknown people. (incl 1 woman; 1 man)                  | Senegal, Gambia, unknown drowned, wooden boat sank 15 km off coast Saint Louis (Senegal); 3 bodies found, 46 miss, 11 rescued <i>EP/SenegalLibe/InfoMigrants IOMLibya</i>             |
| 12 | 25/08/21 | 11 unknown people (incl 3 women)                          | North Africa drowned, fell off sinking boat after 6 day trip from Mauritania to Canaries; 3 bodies found, 8 miss, 28 rescued <i>EFE/InfoMigrants/IOM</i>                              |
| 13 | 26/08/21 | 12 unknown people   | Western Asia drowned, shipwreck off the coast of Zuwara (Libya); 45 rescued <i>IOMLibya</i>   |

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| 14 | 27/08/21  | 1 unknown people. (pregnant woman)                                 | Africa heart attack, died on way to port after rescue, was on way from Western Sahara to Canary Islands(Spain)<br><i>RAI/InfoMigrants</i>                                       |
| 15 | 27/08/21  | 29 unknown people. (incl 1 young girl; 6 children, 5 women, 1 man) | Ivory Coast, Mali, Africa died of hunger/thirst, boat was adrift 12 days on way to Canaries; 7 bodies found, 22 miss, 26 rescued <i>RAI/Txemita/InfoMigrants/AlarmPhone/IOM</i> |
| 16 | 28/08/21  | 18 unknown people. (incl 4 women, young men, 2 brothers)           | From Morocco drowned, rubber boat with group young neighbors on way from Agadir (Morocco) to Spain sank; 18 missing <i>Barlamane/Hespress/IOM</i>                               |
| 17 | 29/08/21  | 1 boy, 17  | From Bangladesh electrocuted on a train's roof inside a tunnel near Ventimiglia (Italy), trying to reach Italian-French border<br><i>Blaze/InfoMigrant</i>                      |
| 18 | 29/08/21  | 1 boy, 17  | From Bangladesh electrocuted on a train's roof inside a tunnel near Ventimiglia (IT), trying to reach Italian-French border<br><i>Blaze/InfoMigrant</i>                         |
| 19 | 30/08/21  | 2 unknown people   | From Africa declared dead after boat on way from Africa was rescued and brought to Fuerteventura (ES); 31 rescued<br><i>InfoMigrants</i>  |
| 20 | 30/08/21  | 1 unknown person.  | Africa died of unknown cause, body found aboard rescued boat near Canary Islands; 31 rescued <i>InfoMigrants</i>  |
| 21 | 30/08/21  | 12 unknown people  | From Africa died of unknown causes on way from Africa to Fuerteventura, Canary Islands (ES); 12 missing, 31 rescued<br><i>ABCNews/EuroNews//Txemita/InfoMigrants/IOM</i>        |
| 22 | in Sep 21 | 50 unknown people (incl 8 children, 27 women)                      | From Africa presumed drowned, wooden boat that left Dakhla (Western Sahara) on way to Canary Islands (Spain) is missing<br><i>AlarmPhone</i>                                    |
| 23 | 02/09/21  | 64 unknown people (incl 1 girl of2; 21 women)                      | drowned in shipwreck off coast West. Sahara on way to Spain; 22 bodies found, 42 miss, 22 rescued<br><i>Euromed/AlarmPhone/InfoMigrants</i>                                     |
| 24 | 02/09/21  | 1 unknown boy  | drowned, while attempting to swim from Morocco to the Spanish enclave of Ceuta; 1 rescued <i>InfoMigrants</i>   |
| 25 | 12/09/21  | 1 unknown person   | From Morocco fell off a cliff on coast of Carboneras, Almería (Spain), where he arrived aboard a dinghy; 1 survived <i>ELM</i>  |
| 26 | 14/09/21  | 19 young men   | From North Africa drowned, on the way from Tataouine (TN) to Europe their boat sank in the Mediterranean; 17 missing<br><i>SyndikaMedenine/IOM</i>                              |
| 27 | 17/09/21  | 14 unknown men   | From North Africa drowned when boat sank off coast of Zemmouri (DZ) on way to Europe; 13 missing; 1 rescued<br><i>AmroucheAzzouz/IOM</i>  |
| 28 | 18/09/21  | Sidy Keita a man, 36   | From Ivory Coast drowned, body washed ashore in Aydin province, Turkey, victim of a pushback by Greek authorities<br><i>Guardian/Lighthouse/Euromed</i>                         |
| 29 | 19/09/21  | 1 unknown man  | From Iraq died of unknown cause, body found in forest near Poland-Lithuania border; 2 rescued, taken to hospital<br><i>Rzeczy</i>   |

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| 30 | 19/09/21 | 1 unknown woman, 39                                  | From Iraq died of hypothermia, body without shoes found 1m from Belarus-Poland border; her 3 children survived<br><i>Rzeczy/DW/VK/NOS/Spiegel/VRT/DevelopAid/InfoMigr</i>   |
| 31 | 19/09/21 | 3 unknown men  | From Iraq presumed died of hypothermia/exhaustion bodies found on Polish side of Belarus-Poland border<br><i>Rzeczy/DW/VK/NOS/VRT/InfoMigrants</i>                          |
| 32 | 19/09/21 | 1 unknown man 40-45                                  | From Algeria body washed up along the shore of Los Muertos beach in Carboneras near Almeria (Spain)<br><i>AndaluciaToday/Spiegel/TellerReport/InfoMigrants</i>              |
| 33 | 20/09/21 | Didier M. Kouamou Nana a man 33                      | From Cameroon drowned, body found close to shore in Aydin province (Turkey), victim of a pushback by Greek authorities<br><i>Guardian/Lighthouse/Euromed</i>                |
| 34 | 20/09/21 | 1 unknown woman                                      | North Africa body found in front of Mácnas beach near Almeria (Spain)<br><i>AndaluciaToday/TellerReport/InfoMigrants</i>  |
| 35 | 20/09/21 | 2 unknown women                                      | North Africa bodies found among the rocks on Indalo beach in Mojácar near Almeria (Spain)<br><i>JuntaAndalucía/AndaluciaToday/TellerReport/InfoMigran</i>                   |
| 36 | 20/09/21 | 2 unknown boy, 3; 1 woman                            | North Africa bodies found about 200 meters from each other in the sand of Puerto del Rey beach in Vera (ES)<br><i>JuntaAndalucía/AndaluciaToday/TellerReport/InfoMigran</i> |
| 37 | 20/09/21 | 1 unknown man.                                       | North Africa body found floating in the sea off the coast of Garrucha near Almeria (Spain)<br><i>AndaluciaToday/TellerReport/JuntaAndalucía/InfoMigran</i>                  |
| 38 | 20/09/21 | 1 unknown woman                                      | North Africa body found in front of the Mediterranean promenade near Almeria (Spain)<br><i>AndaluciaToday/TellerReport/InfoMigrants</i>                                     |
| 39 | 21/09/21 | 1 unknown man  | North Africa body found about 400 meters from a hotel on the beach of El Algarrobico in Carboneras (Spain)<br><i>JuntaAndalucía/AndaluciaToday/TellerReport/InfoMigran</i>  |
| 40 | 22/09/21 | 1 unknown person                                     | North Africa body in advanced state of decay found floating near the Lacón beach in Carboneras (Spain)<br><i>JuntaAndalucía/AndaluciaToday/TellerReport/InfoMigran</i>      |
| 41 | 24/09/21 | 30 unknown people. incl 10 children; 1 woman; 13 men | ) North Africa presumed drowned, boat on way from Dakhla (Western Sahara) to Canary Islands (Spain) never arrived; 30 missing <i>PSUBejaad/IOM</i>                          |
| 42 | 24/09/21 | 2 unknown people including a pregnant woman          | drowned after falling in water during rescue operation in the Ionian Sea on way from Turkey to Italy <i>AlarmPhone</i>  |
| 43 | 24/09/21 | 1 unknown man  | From Iraq, died of heart attack, body found 500 metres from Polish side of Belarus-Poland border<br><i>VRT/Svaboda/Spiegel/RFE/InfoMigrants</i>                             |
| 44 | 26/09/21 | 1 unknown. man, 40                                   | body wearing trousers/t-shirt/socks found at sea near Alexandroupoli (Greece), probably on way from TR <i>LenaK</i>   |

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| 45 | 27/09/21 | 1 unknown boy, 16                  | From Iraq was vomiting blood prior to his death at Belarussian border, family was pushed back&forth over border<br><i>Aljazeera/ECRE/Randrlife/Politico/NewsFounded</i>                  |
| 46 | 28/09/21 | 1 man, Yasser Abdallah             | From Sudan, a stowaway, fell while trying to climb into a high-speed trailer in Marck near Calais (France) on way to Britain<br><i>Transport/EPerrigueur/CMS/ABCNews/France3</i>         |
| 47 | 30/09/21 | 57 unknown people incl 12 children | From Guinea, Ivory Coast, died of hunger/thirst, boat got lost between Dakhla (Western Sahara) and Canaries; 14 dead, 43 missing, 5 rescued<br><i>NYtimes/El Diario/HelenaMaleno/IOM</i> |

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen**

**Chant Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray Taizé**

**Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians: 1 26-31**

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”<sup>[d]</sup>

**A message from Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales**

Every year, the Catholic Church throughout the world devotes a day to migrants and refugees. (This year, 2022, the day was celebrated yesterday). You may think that this day, WDMR, as it's called, World Day of Migrants and Refugees, is in response to the coverage of new arrivals to our country and migration. In fact, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees has been held annually since 1914 - an indication that displacement from one's homeland has long been a feature of life for many people.

This day is an opportunity for us to remember and pray for those who are displaced through war, poverty and persecution, and also to raise awareness of the fact that migration offers opportunity to many people. It benefits many.

In 2020, Pope Francis, in his message, said, if we wish to promote those whom we wish to assist, then we must involve them and make them agents of their own redemption. In his message for this year, 2022, the Holy Father expands on those words by choosing the theme 'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees'.

In March of this year, the Papal Nuncio, that is the Pope's representative to Great Britain, visited Napier Barracks in Folkestone, where a number of people are housed. He spent time with them. He conveyed to them both the concern and the best wishes of Pope Francis. He returned at a later date to present a Papal Blessing personally signed by the Holy Father.....

The love of God has been extended and migrants and refugees are receiving a welcome from God's people and encouragement, which is much needed. It is work that must increase and must continue.

I ask you to pray and to remember migrants, refugees, displaced persons - through war, persecution, climate change and all those on the move seeking a better life.

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Remembering this World Day of Migrants and Refugees, may God give us all of the grace to work together with migrants and refugees to build a better future. **Amen**

*Prayers of Intercession People present will read in turn*

1. We pray for the thousands of men, women and children, known and unknown, who set out to seek safety and a better life in Europe, but who were drowned in the Mediterranean, the Aegean Sea or the English Channel, or whose lives were cut short when they met with hostility or violence. O Lord hear our prayer, **Response And let our cry come unto you.**
2. We pray for all those seeking sanctuary in the UK who depend on the UK adhering to the European Convention for Human Rights, and pray that our government will respect the agreement that we helped to draw up over 70 years ago. O Lord hear our prayer **Response And let our cry .....**
3. We pray for the former residents of the camp in Calais and for those who remain there. We pray for protection of all people in refugee camps and the communities they build. O Lord hear our prayer **Response And let our cry .....**
4. We pray for the refugees arriving in the UK and ending up in the former military barracks and camps, or those placed in detention at arrival. We pray for their mental and physical wellbeing and for their right to decent housing. O Lord hear our prayer **Response**
5. For the comfort of all who have lost loved ones in the course of fleeing from their home country, or who have had to experience the trauma of watching others die. O Lord hear our prayer **Response**
6. For a resolution to the conflicts which are forcing so many to flee in desperation and we pray in particular for the people of Yemen, Syria, Palestine, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Iraq, Somalia, Congo and Sudan. O Lord hear our prayer **Response**
7. We pray for the staff and volunteers from the Rescue Ships, and the Alarm Phone. We think on the people serving on board of the See Eye, the reception teams on the Greek and Italian islands. O Lord hear our prayer **Response**
8. We pray for the continuing humanity of the Civil Service Unions, who resist the proposals to send those seeking sanctuary to holding centres in Rwanda. O Lord hear our prayer, **Response**
9. For an end to the arms trade and militarism that aggravate and sponsor these conflicts. O Lord hear our prayer **Response**
10. For an end to the economic exploitation of people, and the earth which causes poverty and displacement. Oh Lord hear our prayer **Response**
11. For the strength and resilience of all citizens to resist unjust immigration laws and to support one another in this struggle. Oh Lord hear our prayer **Response**
12. In thanksgiving for the efforts of all who are working to rescue and welcome refugees arriving in Europe and for all who struggle for justice. Oh Lord hear our prayer **Response**

### ***Prayer for World Day for Migrants and Refugees***

Lord, make us bearers of hope,  
so that where there is darkness, Your light may shine.  
And where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of Your justice,  
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish  
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of Your kingdom  
together with migrants and refugees  
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is  
to live together as brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

Final song/hymn

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**Hymns**

**Inspired by Love and Anger**

*(tune Salley Gardens)*

1 Inspired by love and anger,  
Disturbed by need and pain,  
Informed of God's own bias,  
We ponder once again:  
'How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest  
Turn prayer and pity blind?'

2 From those forever victims  
Of heartless human greed,  
Their cruel plight composes  
A litany of need:  
'Where are the fruits of justice?  
Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners  
And dreams find their release?'

3 From those forever shackled  
To what their wealth can buy,  
The fear of lost advantage  
Provokes the bitter cry,  
'Don't query our position!  
Don't criticize our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited  
By politics and wealth!'

4 To God, who through the prophets  
Proclaimed a different age,  
We offer earth's indifference,  
Its agony and rage;  
'When will the wrongs be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous  
To all instead of some?'

5 God asks, 'Who will go for me?  
Who will extend my reach? And who, when few  
will listen  
Will prophesy and preach?  
And who, when few bid welcome,  
Will offer all they know?  
And who, when few dare follow,

Will walk the road I show?

*John Bell*

**If you believe and I believe**

If you believe and I believe  
And we together pray,  
The Holy Spirit will come down  
And set God's people free,  
And set God's people free,  
And set God's people free;  
The Holy Spirit will come down  
And set God's people free.

**I Come Like a Beggar**

1 I come like a beggar  
with a gift in my hand. X 2

**Refrain By the hungry I will feed you,  
By the poor I make you rich,  
By the broken I will mend you,  
Tell me, which one is which?**

2 I come like a prisoner  
to bring you a key. X 2 **Refrain**

3 The need of another  
is the gift that I bring. X 2 **Refrain**

4 Take the wine that I bring you  
and the bread that I break. X 2

**Refrain**

**Lord Make us servants of your Peace**

*Tune Waly Waly*

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
Where there is hate, may we sow love;  
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
Where there is strife, may we make one.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
Where all is night, may we sow light;  
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
To be consoled, but to console,

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Nor look to understanding hearts,  
But look for hearts to understand.

4 May we not look for love's return,  
But seek to love unselfishly,  
For in our giving we receive,  
And in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn  
Through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
To wake at last in heaven's light. *St Francis prayer  
paraphrased by James Quinn*

**Hymn for Seafarers**

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the rage did sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the waters dark and rude,  
And bid their angry tumult cease,  
And give for wild confusion peace;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Your children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.