

***Let us not forget that welcoming, learning from,
and establishing justice for refugees is at the very core
of our Christian faith. Let this prayer guide
and reflect our actions for justice.***

A LITANY OF PRAYER FOR ALEPPO



"Omran, Angels Are Here!"

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**We turn to you, O Lord. To whom else can we go?
Lord, hear our prayer for the people of Aleppo
and let our cry come to you.**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth **Have mercy upon Aleppo.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world **Have mercy upon Aleppo.**

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful **Have mercy upon Aleppo.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God **Have mercy upon Aleppo.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God **Pray for them.**

St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, St. Uriel **Defend and protect them in the day of battle.**

All you holy Archangels, Angels and bodiless powers of heaven **Be at their side to guide and guard them on their way.**

All you holy Saints of God **Intercede for them.**

All you faithful Martyrs **Stand beside them.**

For the displaced, homeless, and refugees of Syria, **Loving God, accompany them as you accompanied your refugee Son on his flight to Egypt.**

For all refugees who have left their land and know not where they will go, **Loving God, guide them to the green pastures and lead them beside still waters.**

For all refugees walking though the valley of the shadow of death, **Loving God, be their Good Shepherd, let them fear no evil,**

and comfort them with your rod and your staff.

For all refugees who hunger and thirst, **Loving God, prepare a table before them and let their cups run over.**

For all refugees looking to the past and what has been lost and left behind, **Loving God, let your goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their lives.**

For all refugees who long to go home, **Loving God, give them hope, restore their souls, and let them dwell in your house forever.**

From death, injury, and illness **Defend and protect them, Sovereign Lord.**

From all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation **Defend and protect them, Sovereign Lord.**

From fear, despair, and suffering **Defend and protect them, Sovereign Lord.**

With fervent prayer **Sustain and strengthen them, O Christ.**

With steadfast faith, **Sustain and strengthen them, O Christ.**

With unwavering hope **Sustain and strengthen them, O Christ.**

With enduring love **Sustain and strengthen them, O Christ.**

With courageous hearts **Sustain and strengthen them, O Christ.**

With persevering wills **Sustain and strengthen them, O Christ.**

With food, water, and safe shelter
***Sustain and strengthen them,
O Christ.***

With open borders and welcoming
hearts ***Sustain and strengthen
them, O Christ.***

With new friends and neighbors
***Sustain and strengthen them,
O Christ.***

To all who have died in the Syrian
crisis and all who are dying in
Aleppo, ***Rest eternal grant to
them, O Lord; let light perpetual
shine upon them. May their
souls, through your mercy,
rest in peace.***

For all who grieve the death of family
or friends, ***Remember them in
your mercy, nourish them with
patience, comfort them with a
sense of your goodness, lift up
your countenance upon them,
and give them peace.***

To those bringing humanitarian aid
and providing medical assistance,
***Give your strength and
protection.***

To the leaders of the nations and the
President and Congress of the
United States: ***Give humility and
guide them in the ways of peace
and justice.***

To all who work for unity, peace,
concord, and the freedom of all
people: ***Give wisdom, creativity,
and perseverance.***

To all who look on from afar in the
security of distance, ***Give tears of
compassion, fervent prayer, and
generosity of giving.***

To all who live in safety, comfort,
and privilege, ***Let them show
forth your praise not only with
their lips but in their lives.***

Give us your grace and the will to
overcome fear, violence,
prejudice, and hatred, ***That we
may love one another as
ourselves.***

Open the borders of our hearts and
minds, ***That we may receive each
refugee as the Christ.***

For our actions, failures, or
indifferences that have
contributed to the suffering in
Syria, ***Lord have mercy and
forgive us.***

For our times of silence that became
complicity, ***Lord have mercy and
forgive us.***

For political or economic interests and
agendas that blinded us to
human suffering and need, ***Lord
have mercy and forgive us.***

Let there be no peace in the hearts of
those who pray for Syria,
***Until there is peace in the
heart of Syria.***

For all that is gracious in the lives of
men and women everywhere,
revealing your image and
likeness, ***We thank you,
Good Lord.***

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy
Immortal One, ***Have mercy
upon us.***

Lord, hear our prayer, ***Let our cry
come to you.***

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The images above, although certainly heartbreaking, do not fully depict the horrific devastation and suffering of the people of Aleppo. Some may recall the photo of the drowned 2-year old boy in September 2015 after he, his brother and his mother attempted to journey across the Mediterranean Sea to escape Syria.

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