

## A Border Prayer

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People are suffering along the southern border of the United States. Pointing fingers does no good. Let us pray.

**“Give justice to the poor and the orphan;  
uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute.”**

Psalm 82:3 NLT



*Our Father in Heaven,*

We praise you for paying the price of all sin. You are worthy of our thanks, praise and prayers. You have promised to listen. We bring you our petitions on behalf of those suffering to enter the US in search of a better life. Nothing is too small or great to ask of you, the almighty God of all.

Forgive us for apathy towards the people seeking refuge; forgive the poor judgment of leaders and refugees. Forgive the sins of the traffickers while changing their hearts to be merciful.

Lord Jesus, move our leaders to true solutions to the border crisis. Bring common sense into every level of government. Bring justice to the cartels stopping all abuse and wickedness. Rescue the families and individuals both young and old who have entered the country and those still trying to get to the US. Reunite children with their parents or other adults who will give good care and nurturing. In your wisdom, return those that should be returned to their home country, and establish those who will honor the US and their community into permanent homes.

Every refugee will take the trauma of these days with them. Heal the pain of the broken hearts and abused bodies. Protect them and give each person hope and knowledge of your son, Jesus.

Thank you for showing us we cannot turn our backs on the downtrodden. Thank you for all of the workers who are doing all they can to help the refugees. Thank you for local, state and federal law enforcement. Protect and heal them from the evil they are witnessing. Thank you for bringing us to prayer. Make each individual a priority in your heart.

*In Jesus' Name we pray,*

*Amen*

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