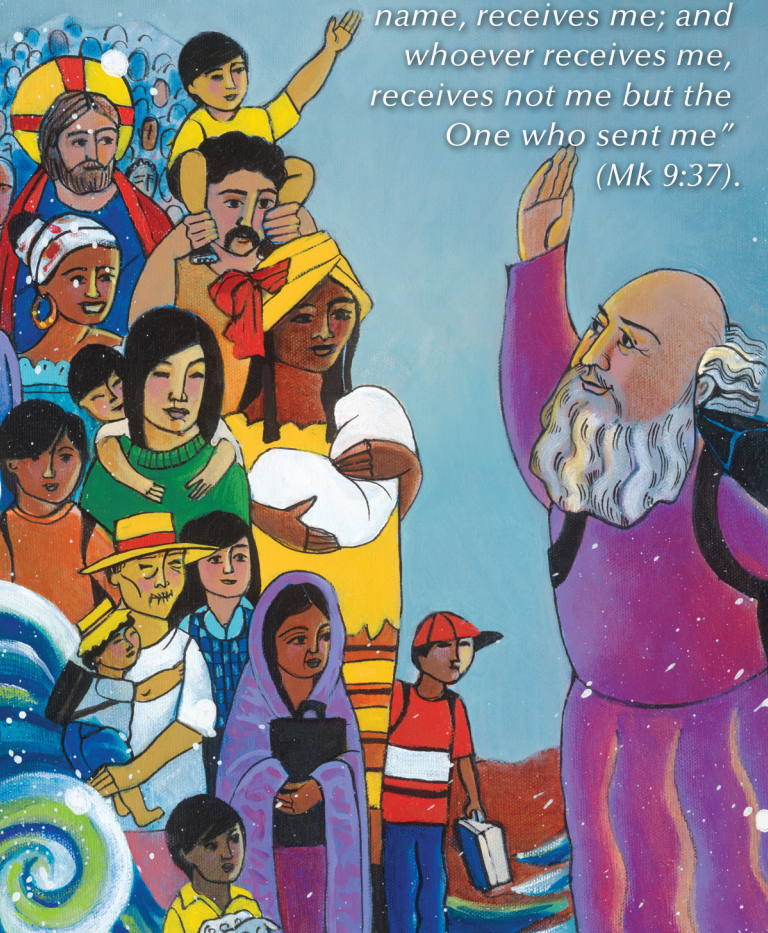


*"Whoever receives one  
child such as this in my  
name, receives me; and  
whoever receives me,  
receives not me but the  
One who sent me"  
(Mk 9:37).*



**A Prayer for Migrant Children**

## *Loving Father,*

in your infinite compassion,  
we seek your divine protection for refugee children who  
are often alone and afraid.

Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to  
violence and destruction,  
who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they  
cherish due to war or persecution.

Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time  
of need.

Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children,  
too, Lord.

Reunite them with their families and loved ones.

Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land  
to a place of peace and safety.

Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time  
of need.

Show us how we might reach out to these precious and  
vulnerable children.

Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need,  
so that we might see in them your own migrant Son.

Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those  
who would do them harm.

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives  
and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

