

Prepare the way...

*We pray for those not at home
the displaced and exiled,
the destitute and disconnected,
victims of war and domestic violence,
casualties of greed and pollution,
the innocent, the stricken.
We long to make things right,
to be authors of remediation,
stewards of goodness,
attendant to renewed awe, having respect for
every atom.*

Text from Mary Wickham rsm, Home

Advent prayer for refugees

*Each day we read about, we see, we hear
people seeking refuge from war, from poverty,
from natural disaster, searching for a better life
for their families and themselves.
Jesus, we remember that your family
also sought refuge.
Now, as we prepare for your arrival in Bethlehem
let us walk alongside our sisters and brothers
created in your image, who also seek refuge.
This Advent let us see in them
your face and be joyful, not fearful.
Help us rejoice and not lament.
Amen.*

Trevor Stockton/CAFOD



O God in this desert I thirst for You.

*Faint and parched as the wind-blown sand.
In Your mercy and kindness revive my soul;
You are water in a dry and weary land.*

*My eyes turn to You in your holy place
and your glory and strength I see.
I will bless you as long as my life shall last
for your steadfast love is more than life to me.*

*Your blessings are rich as a lavish feast
and your praises my mouth shall sing.
While at night on my bed I remember you
and rejoice within the shadow of Your wings.*

*For you are my help, my soul clings to You
Safely held in Your strong right hand.
Keep me ever beside You and guide my feet
from the desert to Your blessed promised land.*

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