

Light a Candle for Lent

During Lent people all over the country are lighting a candle at 9pm to pray for 5 minutes for asylum seekers, Ministers, MPs, civil servants and those working in the asylum system.

We pray for just decisions.

Wise and compassionate God,
help us to bear the burdens refugees
and asylum-seekers carry
and not simply seek to shift the burden onto others.
Call our leaders to justice, generosity and compassion.
Help them create and implement strategies that are fair and just
and treat refugees and asylum-seekers with dignity and care.

O God, our comforter,
we ask you to comfort the broken-hearted and protect the vulnerable.
We pray for those who live in fear of detention and removal,
for those who are in detention at this time
and for those who face removal to an uncertain future.
We ask you to assure them of your great love, surround them with your presence and fill them with your peace.
God bless our eyes so that we will recognise injustices.
God bless our ears so that we will hear the cry of the stranger.
God bless our mouths so that we will speak words of welcome
to newcomers.
God bless our shoulders so we will be able to bear the weight
of struggling for justice.
God bless our hands so that we can work together with all people
to establish peace.

Amen.

*Please let us know where your candles are burning:
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