



Prayer for the Protection of Immigrants and Refugees

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Shomer et Gerim (Psalm 146:9)/Guardian of the 'Others' Among Us:

We turn to You with deep concern for the immigrants and refugees --
those who have come seeking survival, safety, and sustenance in our country --
who, even as we pray these words, are being tracked down, rounded up, and terrorized
by a cruel, bigoted, and abusive administration,
a government that ignores the cries of the oppressed and the desperate,
and chooses the ruthless power of might over the enduring strength of compassion.

Help us to stand up for the vulnerable and protect the exposed
with commitment, creativity, courage, and success,
as righteous non-Jews have done for us,
saving lives and preserving families,
affirming Your Image reflected in each and every soul.

Mahaseh vaOz, Ezra b'Tzarot (Psalm 46:2)/Refuge and Strength, True Helper in Times of Trouble:

Grant us the wisdom, understanding, and knowledge
to save the defenseless from all harm,
to shield and sustain those at risk of deportation and detention,
and to sustain our advocacy and support
with Your teachings of loving kindness, human kinship, and faithful justice.