

Congregation:

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:

And that we might walk together to build communities of hope where strangers become neighbors and the outcast become friends,

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Let us pray:

Leader: Gracious and Loving God,

Congregation: *look with mercy upon your people everywhere. Care for those refugees who live with injustice, terror, disease, homelessness and death.*

Strengthen the peacemakers and givers of justice and those who seek equality for all. Give us strength and remove our complacency while helping us to eliminate cruelty wherever it is found. Grant that everyone may enjoy the peace that you give through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Recommended Hymns for different seasons in the Church year.

Advent:	"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"	ELW255 LSB347
Epiphany:	"As with Gladness Men of Old"	ELW302 LSB397
Lent:	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	ELW815, 816 LSB411, 412
Pentecost:	"Spirit of Gentleness" "I am Jesus' Little Lamb"	ELW396 LSB740

Based on Psalm 136

(Light a candle and maintain a moment of silence prior to the litany.)

Leader:

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,

Congregation:

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O give thanks to the God of gods,

Congregation:

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader:

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

Congregation:

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:

God alone does great wonders,

Congregation:

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:

God wipes away the tears of sorrow and brings mourning into joyous hope,

Congregation:

for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
God struck down Egypt and brought Israel out from among them,

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
And now brings so many to our land,

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
O God, bring refugees of today out of persecution into safety,

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
While protecting those who languish in refugee camps,

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
With strong hands and outstretched arms, protect the families that have been forced to flee their home;

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
Grant them safety and protection as they pass through the troubled waters,

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
Give comfort and solace to the children whom have been torn from their parents' arms,

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
For those who have walked for days on end without food or water, give them sustenance and your mercy,

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
For those whom have suffered from sleepless nights, grant them rest and peace,

Congregation:
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

Leader:
And guide and lead us on our journey that we might serve one another with encouraging love,