

**July 11, 2012**

*On Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, as we remember our day of fast and prayer, we are invited to “see with the eyes of God and with women’s hearts, the distress of millions of immigrants and displaced persons, of children and women victims of human trafficking seeking a more human life.”*

(Chapter Document, 2007)

### ***A Prayer for Immigrants***

God of the journey, God of the traveler,  
we pray for those who leave their homes  
in search of new beginnings and possibilities,  
may they know your presence with them.

We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country  
may find us welcoming  
and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship.

We pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation,  
may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies  
that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here.

We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination  
against the undocumented;  
may they be touched with your divine compassion. Amen.

### ***Reading Enrichment***

Rodas, M. Daniel Carroll. Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible [Paperback]

Soerens, Matthew & Anderson, Leith. Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate [Paperback]

De La Torre, Miguel A. Trails of Hope and Terror: Testimonies on Immigration. [Paperback]

Daniel, Ben Neighbor: Christian Encounters With "Illegal" Immigration. [Paperback]