



Prayer Vigil *for the Taken*



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A note on use:

We encourage you to download and save this document to your phone or mobile device for quick access. If it is easier, feel free to screenshot each page and scroll through the images during the vigil.

(A printable PDF is also available at globalrefuge.org/act-now.)

Please share this resource with others in your community!





May this vigil validate the
humanity and names of
those who are deported or
abducted, bring healing to
the bereaved, and call for
justice and an embrace of
all of God's children.

*In the name of Christ, who
walks with us, Amen.*



Opening +

Silence is held.

May the God of all nations
embrace *community/*
this block/neighborhood/
town/nation deeply in this
moment, and grant healing
and comfort that spans time,
distance, loss, and all injury.
Amen.



Naming

In this location, name/s was taken. *He/she/they* lived here, stood here, passed by here. Name/s was part of this *community* and in recent days, *they* were removed from this *community*.

Silence is held.



Jesus Christ, the Son of God, healed many as a sign that God's reign was near. He sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. God used the hands and feet of Jesus' disciples to carry His healing acts through all of time. In the name of Christ, whose healing power remains strong today, we now entrust to God's healing power name/s and this *community*.

Silence is held.



Reading

A reading from Isaiah:

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he
who created you, O Jacob, he
who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed
you; I have called you by name;
you are mine.

² When you pass through the
waters, I will be with you, and
through the rivers, they shall
not overwhelm you; when you
walk through fire you shall not
be burned, and the flame shall
not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God, the
Holy One of Israel, your Savior

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Song

Any of the following, or others like these, may be sung:

- *Oh Lord Hear My Prayer – Taize*
- *We Shall Not Be Moved*
- *We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)*
- *Here I Stand**

**Music available on next page.*



Here I Stand

(Where My Neighbor Stood)

Beirne, 2026



D *Em* *Bm* *G*

Here I stand where my neigh - bor stood. Hold - ing peace for my neigh - bor hood

We won't be

D *Em* *Bm* *G*

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Here I stand where my neigh - bor stood. Hold - ing peace for my neigh - bor hood.

Ta - ken... We won't be sha - ken... We won't be

Blessing

Gracious God, we ask for your blessing upon our sibling/s, name/s, who have enriched this *community* and blessed us by being a part of it. Now bless and preserve *them* at this time of separation. Day by day, guide *them* and give *them* what is needed—dignity, security, justice, and peace. Stir in us Your Spirit, that we might do our part to preserve and defend the dignity and security of our neighbors.





Give us courage. Give name/s
courage. Carry us, together,
from here. In the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ who
Himself endured these forces.
Amen.

Almighty God bless us and
direct our days and our
deeds in peace.
Amen.

Adapted from ELW “Farewell and Godspeed;”
“Comforting the Bereaved;” and “Brief Order of
Healing.” (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2026).





Now, *act.*

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