



Prayer Vigil *for the Taken*

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

(NRSVUE)



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)

D

G

Em

D

G

A

D

Here I stand where my neigh - bor stood. Hol - ding peace for my neigh - bor hood.
I won't be sha - ken... stand with the ta - ken...

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Here I Stand'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics: 'Here I stand where my neigh - bor stood. Hol - ding peace for my neigh - bor hood.' The second staff contains the piano accompaniment with lyrics: 'I won't be sha - ken... stand with the ta - ken...'. Above the first staff, the chords D, G, Em, D, G, A, D are indicated. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The score includes repeat signs at the beginning of each staff.



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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
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