



Refugees Prayer Vigil

Guidance Notes

Aims:

- To demonstrate our concern for the displaced
- To show solidarity with their suffering
- To demonstrate the 'network of charity' envisaged by Blessed Frédéric
- To pray for all people displaced from their country of origin

Suggestions:

- Talk to your parish priest to arrange the vigil on December 10th, which is International Human Rights Day, to pray for asylum seekers.
- If that date is not possible, please arrange it as near as possible to that date.
- Candlelight if possible
- The vigil is written so that it could be led by either a Priest, Deacon or lay person
- Parish Groups, Churches Together, other local churches and groups could be invited to join in – we encourage you to invite as many people as possible.
- Press release to be distributed locally and nationally – see the website for more details
- Consider a collection for refugees at the end of the service, or place a collection basket at the back. Contributions will all be used to assist refugees within the UK and abroad.
- Please take some photos of the event and send them by email to National Office (Bryana@svp.org.uk) to help us to get more publicity.

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