

A Prayer: Keep Families Together

(written by the Mountain Sky Conference Immigration Task Force)

Loving God of us all,
because You love and provide for all people,
Your family is vast and inclusive.
Your grace is moving and present in the lives of all people.
It knows no boundaries, barriers, or walls.
It extends to all people as it binds us all to one another and to You.

We mourn that in our country children,
the ones Your Son invited without qualification to come to Him,
have been separated from their earthly parents and family.
You teach us in scripture time and time again
that this is not how You want us to love one another as we love ourselves.
The separation of families is not a reflection of Your love
that we are called to share with the world nor what we desire for our own families.

So, help us, individually, as faith communities,
as the newly formed Mountain Sky conference, and beyond,
to pray and work without ceasing to indeed
make Your kin-dom a reality on earth as it is in heaven.

Help us to honor and care for children and families,
continually drawing the circle of Your family wider
to include all people
no matter where they called or call home,
no matter what language they may speak,
no matter what their family might look like.

Remind us and our country's leaders
that indeed You ultimately are the ruler and provider of us all.
Remind us that You care for each and every one of us equally and without reservation.
Help us to do the same
and to try again when we fail to do so.
After all, we know that we are all members –together– of Your family.
Amen