A Prayer for the Border Children

Gracious Father, we thank You for being the God of peace and order. Thank You for being concerned for all humanity. Thank You for the United States of America and for the graces, freedom and opportunities that we are afforded in this nation. Lord God, Your ways are perfect. All of Your promises prove true. You are a shield for all who look to You for protection. There is no God except You, Lord. You are a solid rock.

Righteous Father, we command justice to run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream for the families entrenched in the recent influx of immigrants from Central America. Lord, we rebuke the spirit of chaos and confusion and command peace to be still in the processing and transporting of the families to temporary shelter until they can be processed. Lord, we trust that You will meet the needs of these families from Your glorious riches which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Holy Spirit, give wisdom and direction to all local, state and national authorities as to how to safely process the influx of immigrants without compromising the safety and resources of their respective citizens. Convict the hearts of those who are preying on the fears of these families to manipulate them. Please show us, the Body of Christ, how to extend Your love and grace in this situation.

Abba Father, forgive our nation for the acts of racism, injustice, prejudice, and oppression. Forgive the Central American leaders, specifically in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador for creating such deplorable conditions for their residents. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive.

Awesome Father, help us all to not yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Triumphant God, You are King! The mountains melt like wax before You, Lord. The heavens proclaim Your righteousness; every nation sees Your glory! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: Psalm 18:30-31, Amos 5:24, Mark 4:39, Philippians 4:19, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 97:1,5-6

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