



**Prayer for Immigrants
MCC Council of Elders
1 February 2017**

God of Many Names, God of Us All,
Bend low to hear our prayer.
In your bending low, open your arms of shelter and protection.
Shelter Your people, Holy One.
Shelter the immigrant, the refugee, the legal resident, the naturalized citizen,
All those whose plans, dreams and hopes have been abruptly altered this week.
Protect and heal those who suffered anxiousness, hopelessness, deep disappointment,
As they were questioned, probed and marginalized at ports of entry ,
Or as they attempted to leave places of danger.
Infuse those whose job it is to question the immigrants, refugees, legal residents and
naturalized citizens
With compassion and sensitivity.
Provide insight and clear reasoning to the advocates and activists for fair treatment.
Surround with consoling comfort those who continue to live in daily fear,
Knowing the revelation of their sexual orientation or political beliefs is a death sentence.
Embolden us to stand for equality, for humane treatment,
That we may be the breath of hope and undying dreams to Your world.
May we realize that we are Your agents
Taking up Your deep desire for Your kingdom to come. "on earth as it is in heaven".
Amen.

