

**GOD OF MERCY**, AS WE TRACE THE STEPS YOU TOOK FOR OUR SAKE, FOR OUR FREEDOM, MAY OUR EYES BE OPENED TO SEE HOW THIS JOURNEY OCCURS DAILY FOR OUR REFUGEE SISTERS AND BROTHERS, WHO GIVE UP SO MUCH, SO THAT THEY AND THEIR LOVED ONES MAY LIVE. WITH THIS AWARENESS, MAY WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO ALLEVIATE THE BURDEN, AS SIMON OF CYRENE DID FOR YOU. MAY OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BE OPEN, SO THAT IN THE MIDST OF ALL THE UNCERTAINTY, WE MAY RESPOND, NOT OUT OF FEAR, RATHER, WITH LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE ON THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER.

AMEN.

