

## **Immigration Prayer**

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Creator God,

open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters,

    eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows,  
    eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines,  
    eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us.

Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us,

open our ears to hear the cries of your children,  
    children being separated from their parents,  
    rounded up in raids,  
    led to detention centers,  
    silently giving up dreams.

God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries,

give us courage to resist, to say NO  
    to unfair labor practices,  
    to unjust laws like SB 1070,  
    287g contracts.

Give us the strength to stand with and for  
    your inclusive love,

    faith to believe,  
    another world is necessary and possible.

**Let it begin with us.**