

Day of intercession in memory of those who have lost their lives at the borders of the EU

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To remember those who died at the border, their relatives and supporters inaugurated this small fountain in the village of Provatonas in the Evros region, Greece, in August 2011.

Foreword

In July 2009 the Conference of European Churches declared in Lyon: “As churches in Europe we commit ourselves to commemorate those who have died on their journey to find a dignified life in Europe through an annual day of prayer.” This call was renewed by the CEC Assembly in Budapest 2013. Around 20 June, World Refugee Day, churches and human rights groups in different European countries will point to the lethal consequences of sealing off the external borders of the EU. Such sealing off takes place through technically sophisticated systems of border protection, through the extension of border protection measures to neighbouring and transit states of the EU, and through readmission agreements with neighbouring and transit states, even when they violate human rights. Churches and human rights groups in the United States of America, at whose border with Mexico countless migrants meet their deaths, are also taking part. Thus the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) agreed in July 2010 to join this initiative of the European churches.

Churches will remember in prayer the nameless dead who frequently disappear without trace in the sea or in the desert. Their lament, which went unheard by human beings, will be brought before God. What takes place at the borders - far from public scrutiny and control - will be brought to public awareness. Background reports will provide information about the situation of human rights at the borders. Politicians will be reminded of their responsibility finally to take effective measures to protect human beings and human rights.

The synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) in November 2010 called for the protection of human rights at the external borders to be further improved.

This means working towards, in particular:

- “the creation of mandatory guidelines for the operations of FRONTEX (the EU external borders agency),
- the identification of refugees and their access to international protection being part of the training of border officials,
- civil society organizations becoming more effectively consulted and involved in the development and implementation of training measures,
- the setting up of an independent monitoring system to monitor FRONTEX activities, in order to provide regular reports for the EU institutions about compliance with European and international law, particularly with fundamental and human rights.”

In the most fundamentally Christian way, we will remember in acts of worship those who have died fleeing across the Mediterranean.

As a date we suggest each year a Sunday around 20 June, World Refugee Day (in 2016: Sunday 19 June). There are also other regular opportunities: during the intercultural week in Germany, which includes Refugee Day; on the International Human Rights Day, 10 December; during Lent; or in November, when many churches hold peace weeks, and the church year offers a particular occasion to remember those who have died.

The fence of an informal cemetery at the Greek-Turkish border. An unknown number of nameless victims who died in the river Evros which marks the border are buried here.



A summary for newsletters or for church notices

In commitment to the call of commemorating and celebrating the loss of our migrants and refugees brothers and sisters, some Christian denominations across Europe join our intercessions day which traditionally is observed Sunday in June every year, preferably around 20 June or other date that suits one's context. During this unique celebration and commemoration ceremony which has been adopted as tradition over the past years by CCME and other Christians around Europe, at the service we remember in particular migrants and refugees who have died on their way to Europe.

We deplore the lethal consequences of sealing off the external borders of the European Union that is taking place through increasingly sophisticated technical systems of border protection, through the transfer of border protection measures to neighbouring and transit states of the EU in Africa and Eastern Europe, and through readmission agreements with neighbouring and transit states, and the EU- Turkey deal even when human rights are violated in these states.

After examining media reports on the human rights organization "Fortress Europe" came to the conclusion that in the period of from 1988 to October 2013, at least 19.144 people died at the borders of Europe. On 3 October 2013 one of the worst single day deaths tolls on the European border was reached with over 350 migrants drowning of the coast of the small Italian Island of Lampedusa. This tragedy has shone a light on this ongoing crisis with 14.309 persons having died in the Mediterranean and Atlantic Sea in their attempt to reach Europe over the last fifteen years. In the year 2011 alone, 2.352 people lost their lives at European borders:

Between 16-18 April 2016, one of the worst tragedies ever of migrants' death in the Mediterranean Sea was reported, a one day death toll was estimated at 500, reaching the estimated figure of dead and missing migrants and refugees within the region from 2014-2016 according to "International Organization for Migration" of 8,392 as of 2 May 2016. Sadly, the actual number of victims is much higher than this, since many deaths go unrecorded.

Ideas for worship

Read news and reports, and in between sing or speak words of the Psalms.

Silently remember the dead.

In some services we have put photographs of the trauma of boat people on a long black cloth, and each of us has had an opportunity to light a candle and to place it on the cloth while saying words of intercession.

Or small candles could be lit, and placed in a water bowl (font ...) while keeping silence or praying.

We have used Taizé liturgies and chants, to give form to our silent horror.

People have written intercessions and stuck them to a type of Wailing Wall.

Some people have put dinghies in their churchyards

Some have floated candles on water (rivers ...)

Some have organized processions of mourning.

Prayer for the families and relatives

Giving form to shame, naming fear and awakening consciences can be tasks in themselves.

At the start of the service greeting and call to respond

Liturgist: Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of migrants and refugees who have died on their way to Europe and at the EU's borders. We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant we and the family members and those survival victims grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death resurrection. (*Adapted from the United Methodist Book of Worship: A Service Of Death And Resurrection*) <http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-service-of-death-and-resurrection>

All: Respond to this call!

Let us in caring for our own future and the future of our countries

not forget those who are fleeing, on their way to us, on the way to Europe.

Let us, in the face of the huge changes in the Arab countries, find a new policy that takes human rights seriously and does not do deals with dictatorships for our own economic interests nor raise up fences and security measures.

Let us remember those who have perished while fleeing, and those who die from despair in our own countries because of the cold and the indifference of others.

There will be a future in Europe only when we learn to share with each other, with the stranger among us.

This is the promise of the Old and the New Testaments.

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Lord help us that we may recognize and see yours presence in those fleeing to us by welcoming them.

Let us prepare acts of worship, pray and light candles for the victims who are among us and for the many who have no name.

Let us not forget those who have died as victims of our border security systems, victims of our prosperity and egoism.

Let us remember together,

that we too have been refugees since time immemorial,

that in many of our countries, our own fate as migrants and refugees has not been forgotten.

And let us measure the depths of our Christian faith

by how we remember, commemorate and take action.

This is not an action or a campaign.

This is a moment to pause and reflect.

Here in lies the power.

This is an act of worship, a place where we struggle to hear the Word.

If we take this seriously, our words will have the power to heal.

Intercessional prayer and words of assurance for those who have died at the borders of Europe

Liturgist: Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also. (John:11:25-26).

All: Eternal God, the father of our Lord and saviour who hast commanded us to love and pray for each other; in your mercy have pity on the souls of our dear brothers and sisters who have departed this world and forgive them their trespasses; we pray that you make they and their families, relatives to meet again in the joy of everlasting brightness on that day of resurrection. Amen

Source: <http://connectusfund.org/15-best-prayers-for-deceased-mothers>

Liturgist: Lord, we bring to you the weeping and wailing of the mothers of this world, waiting for their children who have disappeared in the sea, in the desert, in uncertainty:

All: Refugees, men, women and children, from the war zones of this world, who are fleeing hunger and poverty, in the hope of a better, more secure life.

Liturgist: We bring to you our lament for those who have died stranded at our borders, those who have died fleeing through deserts, mountains and seas.
We call upon you and we join in the cry of those who have died seeking justice and a better world.

All: Lord, we bring to you our shame for turning away and remaining silent.
We have enough to eat in Europe - and do not see that we also create the causes of hunger.
We are insatiable - and do not see that this is the cause of many wars.
We are silent, where we need to take action.

Liturgist: Lord, we bring before you political leaders, who are not making decisions about mere numbers, but about the fate of many individual human beings. Sharpen their awareness of how things are interrelated. Keep their consciences alert. Let them develop rules that are guided by humanity and vision.

All: Lord, give us the strength to bear witness to the suffering of your children on the run, on their way to us, at our borders, in refugee camps and among us, in detention, waiting to be deported, in fear of the dangers that lie ahead, in mourning for those who have died.
Help us, Lord. Amen

A further suggestion for intercession for migrants and refugees' journey

Lord, you were once a refugee as the small child from the manger fleeing to Egypt. We pray for all those who are fleeing persecution, adversity and hopelessness. Lord, you led your people through the desert for forty years. We pray for all those who have been abandoned to the desert who disappear in the no man's land between the borders.

Lord, you called our fathers and mothers to seek a new beginning in a new, promised land. We pray for all those who have the courage to seek a new beginning in a new land where they hope to make their future. Lord, you rule over the raging of the sea; you still the waves when they rise up. We pray for all those drifting helplessly on the seas and drowning in the waves.

Lord, You divided the sea to let your people pass through
and made the waters as solid as a wall.
We pray for all those
for whom the sea is a wall
because we do not let them pass through.

Lord,
You have enjoined us to see refugees
As our neighbours.
We pray for us all.
That we might take responsibility for them.

From: Church Office of the EKD, Kein Raum in der Herberge Europa? Zur Menschenrechtslage an den Außengrenzen der Europäischen Union, Materialheft für einen Gottesdienst zum Tag der Menschenrechte am 10. Dezember 2010, Hannover 2010 [No room at the European inn? The human rights situation at the external borders of the European Union. Materials for services to mark Human Rights Day on 10 December 2010, Hanover, 2010]

The only indication that this is a cemetery is the sign riddled with bullets that states: "Cemetery of illegal immigrants."



Suggestion intercession prayer for the deceased's families and relatives

Dear Lord, we pray for those who mourn, especially for parents, children, relatives and friends for their love ones who have died and missing en route to Europe. We ask that you be gentle with them in their grieves and grant them comfort. Be with them as they weep; wipe away their tears. Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, we pray that you give courage to the families and relatives in their loss and sorrow of their sons and daughters who others are still hoping to see them return back home some days. Dear Lord, in such hope and pain we pray that you be their refuge and strength. Lord, reassure them of your continuing love and lift them from the depths of grief into the peace and light of your presence. Eternal God, we acknowledged that you sent your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, whom by dying has destroyed our death, and by rising him from the dead restored our life. Come alongside your people, our deceased's families wherever they are and remind them of your eternal presence and give them your comfort and strength. Amen

Source :*(Adapted from The Church of England Funeral Resources – Prayer, "Prayers for Those who mourn" par. 32&34): <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts/pastoral/funeral/prayers.aspx>*

Suggestion for a prayer of intercession for those who assist

Lord, there is a terrible injustice that is happening and help is far away. We who are helping often feel helpless and do not know how to deal with what we encounter day after day. Some of us have grown up in protected environments. Never have we felt so close to misery and suffering and we are afraid. No concept, no solution, no political proposals in our country, in Europe. Nothing that could be there and convince us that the suffering will have an end. A huge void, given that so many have died. Shame and fine homilies. No end to the lack of imagination. We burn out at work and are afraid. Many look away; do not allow themselves to be touched by what's happening. There's almost nothing in the media - and what there is stokes only new fears. Help us to remain open, to allow ourselves to be touched, and to remain steadfast. Because we are witnesses to what is happening. We are witnesses to the injustice experienced by the people who tell us their stories. Lord, support us and help us to maintain our stance in our society. Help us to provide support and sanctuary to people who are fleeing. Help us and them to live with their stories and to remain near to them. Lord, be near to us.

Prayer for those who assist (Ps 46)

Liturgist: God is our refuge and constant strength, an ever-present help in the time of trouble and crisis.

All: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Liturgist: Therefore we will not fear, as we continue to work and speak against injustices, God will help as we work to lobby and advocate for "safe passages" to and through Europe for those seeking international protections.

All: The Lord Almighty is with us.

Liturgist: When justice for migrants and refugees shall prevail; we shall shout and say come and see what the Lord has done; He has broken down the invisible walls surrendering EU' borders. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

All: God is our refuge and strength

Liturgist: He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among all nations and nationalities, I will be exalted in the earth.” Despite our work in a broken world of violence, uncertainty, hunger, poverty, persecution, which are some of the driving forces leading to migrants’ and refugees’ tragedies.

All: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

All: Amen

(Adapted from Psalm 46)



Photo: Paul Jeffrey, Serbia 2015

Suggested song from The United Methodist hymnal # 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

United Methodist Hymnal, No. 117

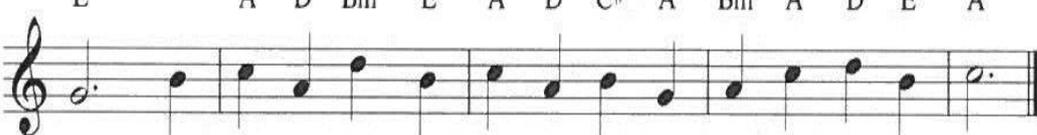
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C F C Am Dm G C Am Em C D
D A F#m Bm E A F#m C#m A B



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se -
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her
4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning
5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a -
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to

G C F Dm G C F E C Dm C F G C
E A D Bm E A D C# A Bm A D E A



come, our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
cure; suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
frame, from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
gone; short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
way; they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Psalm 90)

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MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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Instead of a sermon: a meditation on a Psalm (Ps. 69)

Congregation: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

We remember today the people who have had to leave their homelands because they can no longer lead a decent life there. Many of them hoped to find refuge and a new home in Europe. They made use of everything they had and risked their health and their lives. Too many have died. This tragedy and this scandal have many aspects. There are the stories of the victims and their families. It is not just a question of a few individuals, however, but of unimaginably huge numbers of people. Their deaths were not inevitable, but in many cases were the result of deliberate action or the failure to render assistance. And finally, it's about what these deaths mean to us, and how we avoid becoming mere spectators.

Congregation: I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

More than 18,500 people have died at the borders of Europe since 1993. Their deaths have been documented in press reports, and in reports from governmental and non-government agencies. What is not known is the number of deaths that have not been recorded or counted, the number of people who have disappeared without their names being known. They all sought a life in security and dignity, a life without fear and hunger. The doors of Europe remain closed to them forever.

Congregation: I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched.

Most of the victims drowned in the sea or in the rivers that mark the borders. Others suffocated in containers, died of thirst in the deserts, were shredded to pieces by the mines on the border between Greece and Turkey, froze to death in the mountains, died in the undercarriages of planes, trains or trucks, or were shot by border guards. In the first half of 2011 more than 2,000 people died attempting to reach Europe from Libya and Tunisia.

Congregation: My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

In August 2009, a boat that had lost power with 82 men, women and children aboard was drifting on the seas between the African coast and Sicily. Those on board came from Eritrea, Ethiopia and Nigeria. For 23 days, the refugees could only watch as ships passed by. Not one of them stopped. Not one of them offered help. No one informed rescue workers. One after another, the people on board died of thirst and starvation. Some threw themselves into the water. When finally a ship came to rescue them, 77 had died. Only five survived the tragedy.

Congregation: But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me, with your faithful help.

Let us listen to the voice of a grandfather from Eritrea, who lost his 22-year-old granddaughter in the tragedy: *The meaning of human existence ends where Europe's external borders and the closed-door policies of the European Union begin. The death of our children is an execution caused by Europe's closed-door policies. My granddaughter died a very painful death, although she could have been saved. Just 22 years old, her life was taken*

away from her. It is not only the horrific death of my granddaughter that moves and hurts me. I grieve for every single victim who has suffered such a painful death. Every morning, noon and evening I remember the victims and bid them farewell. And still I dream that the young people will return home one day. For our family, it means we cling on to hope. That's what hurts the most. These tragedies have to do with the fear and uncertainty of many Europeans about those who look different.

Congregation: Rescue me from sinking in the mire.

The grandfather continues: *How can it be that for 23 days our children could be seen from several ships and still not be saved? This is just callous. I don't think many people in Europe these days possess civic courage, honour or morality. But when I think of the fishing and marine personnel who sailed past the people who were screaming for help and yet did nothing, because they feared for their own livelihoods, I have absolutely no sympathy ... This new dimension of indifference towards people is more dangerous than hate. If you hate someone, then at least you recognize they exist, that they are a thorn in your side. If you are completely indifferent to someone, then you don't even recognize they exist. This is dangerous, and indeed for all the continents of the world.*

Congregation: Let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

The grandfather from Eritrea offers us some advice: *Therefore, we need to be clear, we who believe in human rights and humanity - whether we are Africans, Americans, Asians, Australians or Europeans - that each of us has the obligation to make known to the world the full extent of the tragedies in the Mediterranean. Those who do not condemn this act today, will not be able to look forward to a Europe fit for human beings tomorrow. The people who in the name of Europe are willing to accept the deaths of so many people, are those who betray Europe.*

Congregation: Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

At the end, the man from Eritrea does not forget those who tried to help: *I cannot overlook the positive example of some Europeans, such as the Italian lawyer and his assistant, and the German organizations, such as borderline-europe, who have continually accompanied us through these hard and painful times.*

Congregation: Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress – make haste to answer me.

The fact that so many ships passed by this and other refugee boats, is not only because of the indifference of the ships' crews. Some rescuers were taken to court and threatened with punishment because they were alleged to have illegally brought to land those who had been stranded on the sea. Even Germany and other European Union countries refuse to help. They are not prepared to accept the survivors from the ships' crews. They are also acting in our name. We're in the same boat as them if rescue is denied.

Congregation: Draw near to me, redeem me. O God, protect me.

And we pray to God:

Let us not give in to the temptation that we cannot achieve anything with our modest efforts. Help us to overcome our indifference. Let us do what we are able to do. We can pray. We can hold our intercessions. We can open our mouths for the dumb. We can do something to make sure that the dead are not forgotten. We can support those on the spot who are trying to help the refugees. We can work to ensure that refugees are welcomed into our churches. We can work to ensure that our governments set up admission programmes for refugees and take effective measures to rescue people stranded on the sea. O God, protect us. Amen.

(Slightly revised version of a psalm to mark the day of prayer and remembrance of those who have died at the borders of Europe on 26 November 2011, in the Ev. Holy Cross Church, Berlin Kreuzberg. The italicized text from the families of the victims was provided by Pro Asyl.)



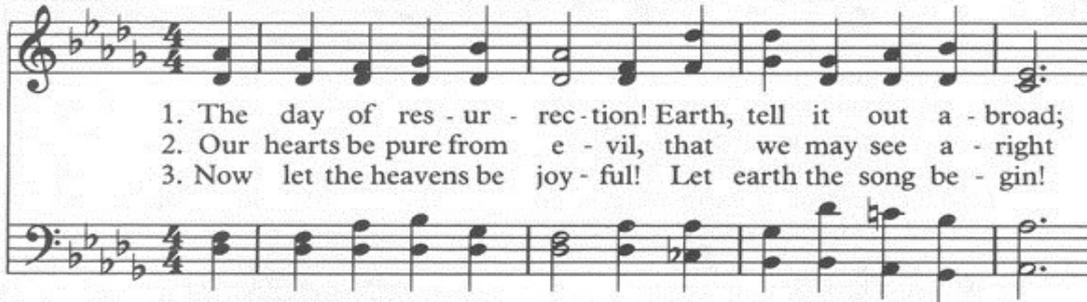
One of the victims who died in the river that marks the border was the wife of Mr K. It was only a DNA test that after a year of hopes and fears provided the sombre certainty that Ms K had not survived the journey to reach her husband.

Suggested song from The United Methodist hymnal # 303

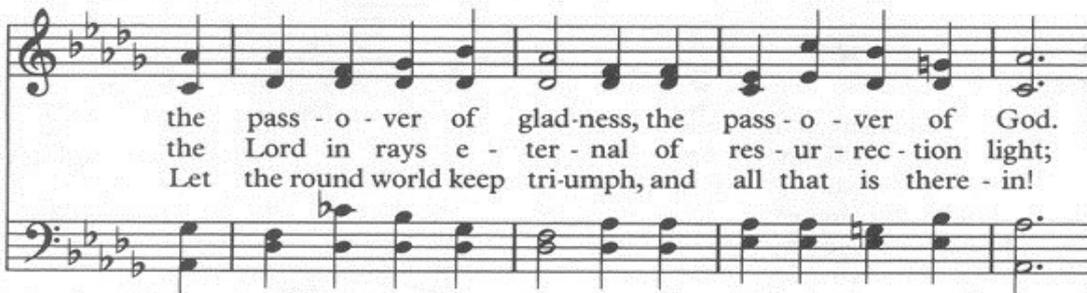
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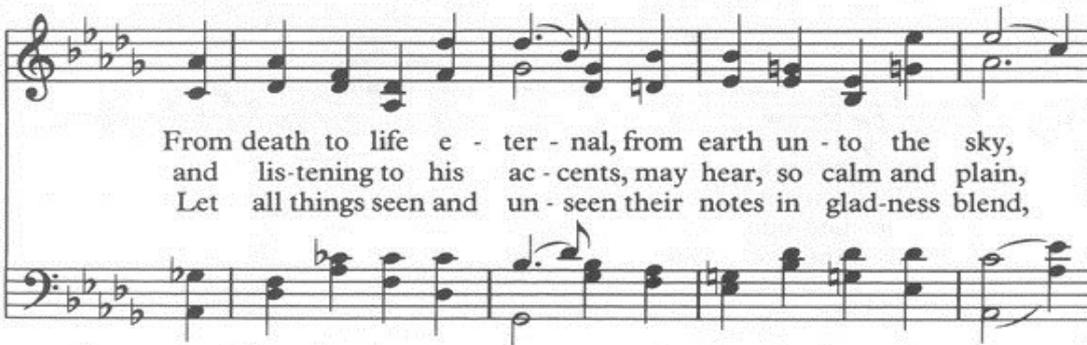
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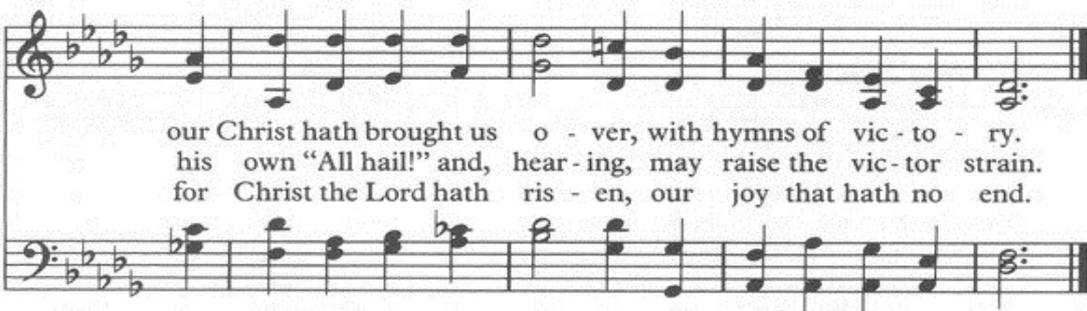
1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth the song be - gin!



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
Let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

WORDS: John of Damascus; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1862
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1835

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What can we do

The first step is always to say what is happening and to reflect on it with others. Small groups can work together to collect information and reflect on how to be better informed about the situation.

Reading the Bible helps! There are many stories in it that are related to migration; it's good to know the movement of people has always been there. God is a God on the move whom we can meet in the stranger.

We can write to Members of the European Parliament, and invite them for a discussion.

Groups involved in "One World" work, and partnership groups that support projects, can exchange experiences with those involved in migration and refugee issues.

The situation in North Africa is new and affects all of us very directly.

What alternatives are there to refugee deterrence measures and what needs to be done to deal with the reasons that lead to people becoming refugees?

There are many church pronouncements and statements. It makes sense to fetch them out and to exchange views about them together.

If you don't know the situation facing refugees in your own church or church district join together to do some research. Open days and mutual invitations help to build bridges. Inviting refugees and giving them an opportunity to speak heals our own society.

What can we do? Suggestion

Extend our mission work if possible outside Europe across origin and transit countries of migrants and refugees routes with home churches or faith based organizations creating awareness of the fatalities and inviting them to join our intercession ceremony.

In 2011, more than 55,000 people were detained in the Greek-Turkish border region, having previously crossed the Evros border river. On the Greek side, between 80 and 90 corpses are found each year.



Further information and resources

- Amnesty International: www.amnesty.org
- Borderline Europe: <http://www.borderline-europe.de>
- Asyl in der Kirche: www.kirchenasyl.de
- Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD), experiences at the external border of the EU: <http://www.ekd.de/bevollmaechtigter/newsletter/63227.html>
- Joint Statement of Churches and Civil Society: Humanitarian assistance for refugees and the displaced in North Africa (in German): <http://www.migration.ekbo.de/Webdesk/documents/Ekbo003-002/Aktuelles/2011+DS+2.1B+-+F%C3%BCchtlinge+Libyen+humHilfe+Anlage.pdf.pdf>
- Fortress Europe: http://fortresseurope.blogspot.com/2006/02/immigrants-dead-at-frontiers-of-europe_16.html [English-language entry point]
- Frontexwatch (in German): <http://frontex.antira.info/frontexwatch>
- Pro Asyl, "Stop the Death" campaign (in German): <http://www.proasyl.de/de/themen/stoppt-das-sterben>
- Missing Migrants, International Organisation for Migration, <http://missingmigrants.iom.int/mediterranean>
- United Against Racism: http://www.unitedagainstracism.org/campaigns/the-fatal-realities-of-fortress-europe/#_9
- Church Office of the Evangelical Church of Germany (EKD) - Kein Raum in der Herberge Europa? Zur Menschenrechtslage an den Außengrenzen der Europäischen Union, Materialheft für einen Gottesdienst zum Tag der Menschenrechte am 10. Dezember 2010, Hannover 2010 [No room at the European inn? The human rights situation at the external borders of the European Union. (in German): http://www.ekd.de/download/tag_menschenrechte_2010.pdf
- UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4a02d9346.html>
- DVD "Like a man on earth", a moving documentary film about refugees who have come to Italy through Libya. Italian and English with subtitles in German, French, English, Spanish and Italian. May be ordered from: <http://likeamanonearth.blogspot.com>

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