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where everyone feels safe, is free of the threat of

violence, actively cares for those around them, and has an opportunity to find joy in living.

- I also see an earth with all its creatures that is cared for, respected, and protected as the creation and dwelling place of the Lord should be.
- I know that this will happen only when we all learn to love as God loves, surrender selfishness and put others first, reject violence and hate, and learn to forgive as Christ taught us.
- O Lord, use me to help bring these things about. Remind me that love, dignity, respect, caring, and forgiveness are action words not just platitudes! LLF 2016

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<u>Children and parents fleeing violence and persecution</u> in Central America and elsewhere. Lord, remind us that these people are your children with the same rights we have ourselves. Stir us to speak out for them when governments, including our own, try to strip them of their dignity and their rights as your children.

<u>Pray for all victims of human greed, hate, violence, and thirst for power.</u> There are 65.6 million forcibly displaced people in the world, of these 22.5 million people are refugees. Over half of them are under 18. 28,300 people a day are forced to flee their homes because of conflict or persecution – that is 20 people a minute.



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