

Written prayers

A meditative prayer for refugees and internally displaced people

Based on, and inspired by Psalm 126 in *The Message*

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true, when GOD returned Zion's exiles.

They laughed, they sang,

They couldn't believe their good fortune.

They were the talk of the nations—

"GOD was wonderful to them,

He worked amazing miracles on their behalf

And brought them home."

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true, when Jesus returned us to the Father,

We laughed, we sang,

We couldn't believe the grace that welcomed us.

We are forever saying and singing among the nations –

"God has done amazing things,

His resurrection miracles on our behalf

Have brought us home."

And now, GOD, do it again—

For the refugees and displaced peoples of our world.

Restore the fortunes of those who have lost everything;

Bring to safety those who have fled war zones,

Famine, drought or persecution.

May they find refuge in the welcome of strangers,

Shelter in bricks and mortar,

And favour in national and international law and policy.

God, be wonderful to them,

Work amazing miracles on their behalf.

May they experience streams flowing in the desert of their lives,

And leave behind their heavy hearts as they come to a new home laughing,

Burdened only by armloads of blessing.

Amen.