

Saturday, June 11, 2011

On Saturday June 11th, as we remember our day of fast and prayer, we are invited to “reflect on the signs of the times with the eyes of God and with women’s hearts.”

We remember, “THE DISTRESS OF MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS, OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN SEEKING A MORE HUMAN LIFE.” (Chapter Document 2007)

To Those Who Have Died in the Desert

In memory of those who went to look for a better life, yet only encountered death...

In memory of those who risked everything and lost everything...
Of those who went with hope in their eyes and challenge in their souls ...
The sun burned them and the desert devoured them.
The dust erased their names and faces.

We are a cry for justice that no one would ever have to leave their land,
 their beliefs,
 their dead,
 their children,
 their parents,
 their family,
 their roots,
 their culture,
 their identity.

A voice in the desert cries out ...
 Education for all!
 Opportunity for all!
 Jobs for all!
 Bread for all!
 Freedom for all!
Justice for all!

We are a voice that will not be lost in the desert ...
That insists that the nation give equal opportunity to a dignified and fruitful life to all its children. Amen.

A prayer written on the front wall of CAMYN, a migrant shelter in Altar, Mexico, where migrants often stay before beginning their journey across the border.