

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 108th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2022**

(25 September 2022)

Dear brothers and sisters, and, in a special way, young people! If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees. Let us build the future today! For the future begins today and it begins with each of us. We cannot leave to future generations the burden of responsibility for decisions that need to be made now, so that God's plan for the world may be realized and his Kingdom of justice, fraternity, and peace may come.

PRAYER

**Lord, make us bearers of hope,
so that where there is darkness,
your light may shine,
and where there is discouragement,
confidence in the future may be reborn.**

**Lord, make us instruments of your justice,
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish,
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.**

**Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,
together with migrants and refugees
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.**

**Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is
to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.**

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'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees'
- Pope Francis' theme for the
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