

## Prayer for Migrant Domestic Workers

Blessed are the women who care for others' children  
In order to provide for their own,  
Who leave their homes, their families,  
Their friends, and their cultures,  
Who do all of this, not by choice, but by force of necessity.  
Blessed is their strength.  
Blessed is their courage.  
Blessed is their sacrifice.

Blessed are the children  
Who must grow up without their mothers' care,  
Who experience loneliness and sadness  
At the great void in their lives.  
Blessed is their strength.  
Blessed is their courage.  
Blessed is their sacrifice.



Cursed is the global economic system that impoverishes  
Billions of women, men, and children throughout the world.  
Cursed are those who take advantage of these women  
As they seek to provide for their families,  
Denying them their rights and their dignity.  
Cursed are those who see the suffering of these women and do nothing.

Blessed be the communities of people that are impoverished,  
Underemployed, and hungry due to unjust economic conditions  
Dictated by the countries of the North.  
Blessed be these communities that lose woman after woman  
As they leave to find work in the countries of the North.  
Blessed be these communities  
As the children grow up in them without mothers.

O God, we confess to you that we have allowed our hearts to harden:  
We are filled with selfish desires and apathy towards the suffering.  
Heal us with your life-giving Spirit of love.  
Help us to work compassionately and mercifully for a more just world. Amen.