Compañeros de Camino Liturgy

Confession and Absolution:

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. Our sins blind us to the presence of the widow, orphans, strangers, refugees and immigrants around us. Though you always walk with us, we do not recognize you and to recognize all of those who around us in the journey of life. May our eyes be open so that we will offer hospitality and bread to all those in need.

A: By the grace and mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. Forgiven by Christ, we are called to love and serve all those who struggle for daily life and hope. Amen.

Prayer of Day:

Gracious and merciful God, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we often walk through life discouraged, fearful, and overwhelmed by grief. In Jesus Christ, you have come to walk with us and be one with us. By your power to make all things new, sustain us on the journey. Open our eyes to recognize you walking with us. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

Lord, we ask at that you are with all students applying for Deferred Action. Calm their hearts and clear their minds as they work through this process. Be with them as they apply to colleges and serve our country. Help our church to surround them with love and support.

Gracious God, we ask that you are with all immigrants and refugees as they build new lives far away from their homelands and families. May we be companions, compañeros, to them in their journeys, offering them hospitality and love. Help us to use our lives and voices to welcome and serve them.

Benediction:

As you leave this place to continue on your journey, may the Living Lord go with you; may he go behind you, to encourage you, beside you, to befriend you, above you, to watch over you, beneath you, to lift you from your sorrows, within you, to give you the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and always before you, to show you the way.

Sending:

God now in peace, remember the immigrant and the refugee.