



When the alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”

—Leviticus 19:33-34 and 24:22

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.”

—Ephesians 2:11-22

“These our brothers and sisters seek to leave difficult situations in order to find a little serenity and peace, they seek a better place for themselves and for their families – but they found death. How many times do those who seek this not find understanding, do not find welcome, do not find solidarity?”

“Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women, and men who leave or are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all for being more.”

—Pope Francis

Adonai,

Lord and Master,

Many are the Journeys your people have taken.

Your people journey
immigrants and refugees, pilgrims, and nomads,
searching for hope searching for opportunity,
searching for peace, searching for your peace,
searching for you.

Continue to call me beyond my comfort
and into encounter.

And when I meet a companion on the road,
may we find you in each other’s embrace.

Let us share the Journey.

Amen.