

Merciful Father,
You care for the vulnerable and heal the sick.
Have mercy on refugees who have been medevac-ed to Australia;
Heal their bodies and comfort their hearts.
Make your people and this nation agents of your mercy.

Loving God,
You value community and family, existing yourself as three-in-one.
Please bring an end to offshore detention so that asylum seekers and refugees can
be cared for in and by the Australian community. Please reunite families.
Make your people and this nation full of your love and compassion.

Gracious God,
You feed the hungry and provide living water to those who thirst.
We pray that refugees and asylum seekers might have financial security – that they
would have the security and confidence to feed, clothe, and care for themselves and
their families.
Make your people and this nation agents of your abounding generosity to those in
need.

Heavenly Father,
We are citizens of heaven, which gives us secure hope for our future.
We pray that refugees and asylum seekers would find the same secure hope, and
that they would find earthly security and hope in long term visa protection, allowing
them to invest and build in a future in Australia.
Make your people and this nation a home with room for many, like the heavenly
home you have promised to us.

We pray these things through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

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