

## A PRAYERFUL START

God of faithfulness, God ever new, we are in need of energy and renewed hope.

Wondering what change we are able to effect by our words and actions and prayers, we need your grace to guide our hearts.

We need the power of Jesus, your Son, to rekindle and sustain our passion for the poor and immigrants.

We need the wisdom of your Spirit to see the every-present possibility for change and conversion, for growth and transformation in our hearts and in society.

Give us eyes of faith, that we might see the wonders in our midst, that we might have the courage to hope, the vision to see, and the wisdom to speak out.

Bless all of us this day, as we seek to work together, and that we may never lose sight of what really matters in life.

Enliven the Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants with the promise of faithful companionship. Call us to partnership in the creation of a new world of justice. Keep our hearts filled with excitement and adventure. Help us to be open to change and all that is new. Challenge us to think creatively, to be proactive on behalf of the poor. Give success to the work of our hands.

May your Spirit be our inspiration and may our work contribute to the coming of your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*The Fire of Peace – A Prayer Book, Pax Christi USA National Peace Movement, Erie, PA 1992*

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