

Get Involved: Pray



EMBRACE Prayer Group January 2012

"My Temple will be called the house of prayer for the people of all nations." Isaiah 56:7

EMBRACE has just produced a set of **Hear My Voice** leaflets some of which focus on the importance of communication in helping people to feel at home here and on how language barriers can magnify the challenges for people who have moved to a new country. To access these leaflets, visit www.embraceni.org. EMBRACE will be producing another resource shortly that will help people exchange greetings and welcome people whose first language is not English.

EMBRACE hopes the following will be helpful in guiding your prayers in the month ahead.

In the season of Epiphany...

Meditate on:

- how the Holy Family communicated with others as they fled to Egypt seeking refuge

In this harsh economic climate...

Pray for:

- advice workers helping people whose financial and social problems are made worse because of communication difficulties
- people whose isolation is magnified by an inability to chat easily with local people

As the new school term begins...

Pray for:

- children who struggle with the curriculum because of language difficulties
- teachers and classroom assistants finding ways to adapt their teaching for children for whom English is not their first language

In our congregations, parishes and groups...

Give thanks for...

- the opportunity to welcome isolated people
- the signs of the Kingdom when people who are different come together to worship
- Christian pastors and leaders who were born in other countries but have answered the call to minister here

'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: 19