

Blessed are you who journey with child on back or in arms
leaving behind war for the hope of peace
for you shall find sanctuary

Blessed are you who wait patient and impatient at the armored doors of our nation
for you shall find welcome

Blessed are you who sit in detention centers
for you shall find freedom

Blessed are you who are deported
for you shall return once again

Blessed are you whose children are stolen away
snatched from your very breast
for they shall run back to you, leaping into your arms

Blessed are you who cross the desert
Blessed are you who make it
Blessed are you who don't
for you shall live forever

Blessed are you who protest
who march
who sit in
who go to jail
for righteousness shall be yours

blessed are you who will stop at nothing until each and every child is found and placed back in
the care of their families

and blessed are the children
orphaned
lost
afraid
calling out in the night
blessed are you
for you shall inherit earth and the stars and the moon and the sun
blessed are you
for you shall once again know the embrace of your father's sacred arms and the kiss of your
mother's sacred lips.

--Prayer adapted from Rev. Alison Harrington