

# Resources for Pride Worship Services

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God, Bless Those Who Are Afraid  
Louie Crew Clay, 1984

God, bless those who are afraid –  
Not just those who fear  
the thunder over the mountains,  
the clockwork mouse,  
the creditor's knock,  
the runaway tiger,  
the criminal at large,  
bombs,  
a crashed car,  
cancer,  
an empty stomach,  
a child's danger,  
a lover's death.  
But also those who fear  
a stranger's smile  
the mob's chants,  
the voice of desire echoing through a dream,  
the profanation of a trust,  
an impulse to love followed by hate,  
your voice thundering through the garden:  
“Where are you?”  
No voice at all.  
God, bless those who are afraid.

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UNHCR. (2013). Welcoming the Stranger: Affirmations for Faith Leaders. Available at:

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This resource, published by the United Nations refugee agency, provides religious affirmations that highlight the importance of welcoming the stranger, as well as related theological reflection. In Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish, German, Hebrew, and Turkish.