

Prayer Service on the Anniversary of the Postville Raid May 12, 2009

Directions for adaptation within your community

For all who desire to be in solidarity with the people of Postville on May 12, 2009 we offer you this suggested prayer. Please feel free to use it in its entirety or adapt it for your particular community. Because of the Postville situation the scripture is presented in English, Spanish and Hebrew. The **Witness Statements** following each reading are presented in Spanish and English. The songs are those familiar to the Postville Community. It is very likely that you will want to select other songs.

We also encourage you to identify persons within the community who will be praying with you to offer the responses to the three scripture readings. If this is not possible for you please use the ones that we will be using in Postville. You will find these as a separate link on the Postville website: www.postvillestbridget.org.

You will also find a listing of the 389 names of the persons arrested in Postville on May 12, 2008. While these names are being read candles, probably about one candle per twenty names, will be carried in procession. Soft music will be played in the background. We will also have a power point presentation of some of the pictures of the women who were arrested, as well as other pictures related to the raid.*If you are in a town that experienced a raid you will want to read the names of your people.

We are grateful to all for joining us in this prayer of solidarity and for calling for comprehensive immigration reform. If you have any questions please call Sister Mary McCauley 563 581 6877 or mmccauley@bvmcong.org.

***If you are interested in the sketches of some of the people, take of tour of Craig Ede's artwork of the Faces and Footprints of Postville: www.mnartists.org/tourHome.do?action=start&rid=205551.**