



This year's poster features Hani Abdile and Ravi Prasad, of Sydney cafe Parliament on King. Ravi established the cafe in his front room to train people seeking asylum and refugees to work in hospitality and Hani— a performance poet and author from Somalia who is just 22 years old - works there on weekends.

We often hear about peoples' journeys to Australia and the difficulties that they face upon arrival. We rarely hear about what people from refugee backgrounds get up to in their day-to-day lives, and the amazing contributions that they make to this country.

During Refugee Week, you are invited to reflect on the gift so many refugees have been to our nation. We remember those who still struggle and yearn for the opportunity to live their gift of life in freedom. We will be sharing many more stories of the incredible ways in which refugees in Australia give back to their adopted home.

God,
No one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care
In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers,
those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost,
and those who have been exiled from their homes.
Bring them safely to the place where they long to be,
and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

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