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## A Prayer for **Landings** Leaders

Merciful God, let us welcome  
our sisters and brothers  
with the loving arms of Christ.

May we provide a safe **Landings** place  
for our returnees, as we listen  
to their spiritual journeys  
with openness and compassion.

Through our ministry of hospitality  
may they once more call  
our Church their home.

Amen

The heron is both beautiful and fragile, but also determined and intentional. The branch may represent the Church, to which the heron is eager to return and land. The surrounding waters hold both promise (food) and danger (predators). But our friend, the heron, knows where he/she wants to be and is determined to get there.

This is but one interpretation. There are many. This is an image that is capable of invoking many different responses - a surprising image that can, upon reflection, invite us each to find its meaning and relevance in our own mind and heart.

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