

PRAY FOR SUDAN

Intercessions for Sudan

Summer 2023

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father for the peoples of Sudan in this time of conflict.

Father God, we pray for the peoples of Sudan of all races and creeds in this time of violence, where looting, indiscriminate attacks and even murder has become so commonplace that it is seen as 'normal'.

For the hundreds of thousands who have left everything behind to flee to places of safety. For their family members and all who remain in Khartoum and Omdurman because they have neither the money nor the contacts to leave.

We give thanks for all who have reached places of safety whether in Sudan or abroad. We pray for all the families who have been separated, that they might receive good news of their loved ones.

We stand in solidarity with them and boldly ask you, Heavenly Father, for your protection over them as they seek to survive amidst the indiscriminate bombardments and fighting.

We also pray for a lasting peace in which people might be able to live without fear once again and in which lives and communities can be rebuilt.

Bidding: Father of all

Response: Hear your children's prayer

Heavenly Father, Sudan has quickly slipped from our news headlines but we know that You do not forget and that all your children are precious to you.

We pray that international leaders and governments might not turn their faces away but commit to actively seeking a lasting peaceful resolution to this conflict that will bring justice and freedom to all the peoples of Sudan.

We pray that once peace is established, the international agencies might commit to helping to rebuild this country devastated by internal conflict.

We lift before you, Lord, the soldiers of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), that they may learn the ways of peace and the vital importance of dignity of life.

We also pray for the generals and senior ranks; that they may cease their thirst for power and turn to serve the common good. Father forgive.

Bidding: Father of all

Response: Hear your children's prayer

Merciful Father, we give You thanks for the privilege of partnership with the Episcopal Church in Sudan and for the safety of Archbishop Ezekiel and other key members of the Provincial clergy.

We pray that You might strengthen and encourage them as they seek to establish a new Provincial Office in Port Sudan and give thanks that they are now able to access their funds in order to support the work of the church throughout Sudan.

We give thanks for the successful transfer of funds from this diocese that is helping to provide food, water and shelter to the many thousands of displaced people who have sought safety in more peaceful regions.

Bidding: Father of all

Response: Hear your children's prayer

Father God, we pray for the elderly, the sick and the very young all caught up in this conflict. These little ones are especially in need of your care and protection as they struggle to survive without access to food, clean water and medicines.

Many children have known nothing but conflict and disruption in their lives. They have experienced fear, separation and death that we cannot truly contemplate and there is little stability for them to trust in.

Father God, overcome their anxieties and sadness, bring them comfort and security. Give them a hope for their future.

Bidding: Father of all

Response: Hear your children's prayer

Merciful God, we give thanks for the heroic examples of medical staff amidst the chaos and dangers of this conflict; for those who have continued to provide assistance to the sick and wounded in spite of threats to their own safety and few resources.

We pray for a lasting ceasefire to enable emergency and relief agencies to work in the most needy places to bring relief to those trapped in Khartoum and Omdurman and to those who have fled to more rural areas and across international borders.

Bidding: Father of all

Response: Hear your children's prayer

Hear us good Lord as we cry to you, turn our sorrows in rejoicing, renew our faith as we hope in your provision for our sisters and brothers in Sudan, make us Your peacemakers.

When we do not know what to pray, Lord, meet us in the silence and hear our prayer.

Bidding: Merciful Father,

Response: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen