PRAYERS FOR SUDAN

**October 2023**

Please continue to pray for Sudan as we get more glimpses of the situation.

Following the report from the United Nations department for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief warning that the aftermath of the conflict, marked by hunger, disease and extreme displacement of population is perilously close to consuming the whole country, there are now reports of increasing cases of Cholera and Dengue fever, particularly in Gedaref State.

Médecins sans Frontières is one of the few aid agencies still able to function in some places, providing emergency care to war-wounded people and other help to people cut off from essential medical services. Their work is limited by on-going fighting and looting of their supplies. Please pray for all who are struggling to help in any way and for all in desperate need of medical care.

Fighting has recently broken out in Port Sudan and we pray for the continued safety of Archbishop Ezekiel and Provincial staff working from their temporary base there.

From Kadugli some news has come via Salisbury Diocese. As fighting continues there, Bishop Hassan and his family have taken refuge in a friend’s house close to the Nuba Mountains and Christians in that region are continuing to meet for worship, to study the Bible and grow in faith.

Let us join with our friends in Salisbury Diocese in words from their Prayer Diary

*God our Father, whose son Jesus Christ wept over your people, because they knew not the way of peace and were as sheep without a shepherd; hear our prayer for the all the people of Sudan. Turn the hearts of their leaders to reconciliation and peace. Bless Archbishop Ezekiel, his bishops and clergy that they may have the strength and support to be true shepherds of your people in the midst of war. Strengthen those who seek to bring peace, who heal the sick and feed the starving and hasten the time when all nations will own your just and gentle rule and receive your gift of peace. Amen.*