



PRAYER LETTER 50

The GZB, one of the partners of the ACO Fellowship, invites you to unite in prayer. The GZB is a mission agency of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands; it supports partner churches worldwide.

Dear sisters and brothers,

We encourage all in our Fellowship to continue praying for Iran, Syria, and Lebanon, countries that are going through very challenging times indeed (see previous prayer letters and the websites of our partners).

We ask you to pray for the Christian communities and especially the ACO partners in these countries. In spite of the hardships, they continue to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ; to care for the most vulnerable; and to provide education to children and youth – a sign of hope.

Lastly, we ask your prayers for our country, the Netherlands. After the recent elections, it is proving very difficult to form a government with a united political vision. This seems to be a symptom of a deeper-lying divisions and confusion.

Gracious and compassionate God,

In your wisdom, you created us to live together in harmony and peace, to care for one another, and for your creation.

We bring before you our broken and divided nations. Help us to walk in your way of forgiveness and reconciliation. Restore the unity of our people, renew the vision of our leaders, and make us better stewards of all the earth's resources You so richly provide.

We pray especially for the people of Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, who long for a just and sustainable peace. Help the Christian churches to bring relief to the suffering, and to rekindle hope in desperate circumstances.

We also pray for the people of France, Switzerland, and the Netherlands, for healing of divisions, and for a simpler, more responsible and hospitable lifestyle. Protect the churches and keep them faithful in witness and service.

Guard and bless our fellowship across the boundaries of nation, language and culture. May the ACO and its members be instruments of the healing and reconciliation that signpost your Kingdom.

Through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

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