

PRAYER LETTER 72



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Introduction

While preparing this prayer, I was struck by the painful reality that nearly one million people in Lebanon have been displaced from their homes, and more than six hundred lives have been lost due to missile attacks. Lebanon is living through heavy and uncertain days. Yet Lebanon is not alone in this suffering; across the region, the war has claimed thousands of lives and continues to bring immense hardship to many.

In such times, fear quietly settles into everyday life. People worry about the simplest needs of daily living, and uncertainty fills the atmosphere of our homes. Every distant sound, every sudden noise, can change the course of an ordinary day.

Yet even in these difficult moments, the church seeks to remain faithful to its calling. As churches, we strive to stand firmly in our mission to be peacemakers. We encourage peace within our congregations, our schools, and our communities. Following our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we desire to become ambassadors of God’s peace in a troubled world.

Prayer

Let us pray...

1. for Peace and Reconciliation

God of peace, in a world where anger rises like a storm and violence wounds the earth, we bring before you the nations and people torn apart by conflict. Soften hearts hardened by hatred, calm voices that call for destruction, and guide leaders toward wisdom and courage in the pursuit of peace.

Lord, teach us to see one another not as enemies, but as neighbors created in your image. Guide us, O Lord, so that we may learn from your example - to endure hardship with faith and to remain steadfast in times of trial. Lord of peace, hear our prayer.

2. for Those Who Suffer Because of War

Merciful God, we remember those whose lives have been shattered by violence, families who mourn, children who live in fear, and communities forced to flee their homes. Surround them with your compassion and let your presence be their refuge.

We pray, Lord, that you provide shelter for the displaced, comfort for the grieving, and strength for those who continue each day under the shadow of uncertainty. Grant them patience in the face of injustice and remind them that your love never abandons them. Bless them, O God, with your justice and mercy, so that even in their suffering they may find safety and hope in you. God of mercy, hold them in your care.

3. for Courage to Be Peacemakers

Faithful God, you call your people blessed when they become peacemakers. Grant your church the courage to stand for justice without hatred and for truth without bitterness. Shape our words and actions so that we may plant seeds of reconciliation wherever we live, study, and work.

Teach us to become ambassadors of peace rather than followers of the conflicts that surround us. Give us the will and the courage to be living examples of your peace, remembering the love you revealed when you gave your only Son for the salvation of the world. Make us instruments of your peace.

We pray all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.