



Prayer Guide for Afghanistan:

Psalm 46 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamo. A Song. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

PRAY AGAINST THE DARKNESS

Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

- Pray against the schemes of Satan in Afghanistan and around the world.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN

- Pray for God's provision for the physical needs for food, shelter, and water for the Afghan people.
- Pray for supernatural protection from those in Afghanistan facing oppression and difficulty.
- Pray for the safety and provision of U.S. and Afghan military forces who remain in country.
- Pray for missionaries and NGO agents who have remain in country seeking to work amidst the humanitarian crisis.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT

- Pray for provision for the refugees who have been able to make it out of the country or those who are trying to flee from persecution.
- Pray for Afghan people living in different parts of the world who are watching what is unfolding in their homeland where their family and friends still reside.

PRAY FOR THE WOMEN OF AFGHANISTAN

Under Taliban rule, women are highly restricted, often in danger, devalued, and objectified.

- Pray that they would know they are created in the image of God and highly valued.
- Pray for those in the country who would, even in the midst of persecution, would rise to affirm and advocate for the dignity of women.
- Pray for the basic freedoms for women, such as education.
- Pray for the protection of the vulnerable from those who would prey on, exploit, and abuse them.

PRAY FOR THE AFGHAN CHURCH

- Pray for the church to be "strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that they may have great endurance and patience." ([Col. 1:11](#))
- Pray the Lord would direct their hearts to God's love and Christ's endurance.
- Pray for the Gospel witness of the Afghan Church. Pray that Muslims, and others, would "call upon the name of the Lord" in this time of duress and in light of the witness of Jesus' people.

PRAY FOR HOPE

- Pray for Christians in Afghanistan and beyond to remain hopeful in the Lord and his purposes.
- Pray that those facing difficulty would experience peace despite circumstances.
- Pray that the sufferings will lead to hope anchored in God's eternal love and the Afghan Church will remember that the present sufferings of this life cannot compare to the glory that awaits when we are with Jesus face to face.
- Pray that God will grant believers joy in the midst of trouble and would enable unbelievers to receive the message of the Gospel.

PRAY FOR THE TALIBAN AND THE LOST OF AFGHANISTAN

- Pray that members of the Taliban will call upon the name of the Lord, repent, and be saved.
- Pray that they will experience "the fragrance of Christ" from the Christian church and be led to life.
- Pray that their plans would be thwarted and that they would be unable to hurt others.
- Pray that those who make up the Taliban will encounter Jesus and be forever changed, much like Saul of Tarsus.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY (ACTIVE AND VETERANS)

- Pray for our current military members still in Afghanistan. Ask the Lord to protect them.
- Pray for the intelligence agents, that they would have wisdom and foresight as well as swift and clear communication.
- Pray for our veterans and active-duty military members who have served previously in Afghanistan. Ask the Lord to provide His peace amid unimaginable anxiety. Ask the Lord to help them realize that He is at work and their service and sacrifices were not for nothing!
- Pray for the families of those who have courageously and honorably sacrificed their lives in these last several days. Ask the Lord to let them feel His presence and know that He is with them during these dark days.
- Pray for our Commander-in-Chief. Ask God to grant him the divine capacity to be the leader that is needed in this time of crisis and need.