

Praying for People in the Toughest Places

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WHEN YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO PRAY

The suffering of people around the world confronts us daily. We see the faces of hungry children on our social media. We read stories about families forced to drink dirty water. We watch war break out in real time, documented on cellphone videos.

We struggle to take it all in. We wonder what can we do? How can we pray?

We have provided *Praying for People in the Toughest Places* for times like these. It is designed to help you pray more specifically for the needs of those who suffer. The guide can be used for your personal prayer time, during a mission emphasis week for a church or small group, or shared with children as a way to teach them how to pray for others around the world. You can also use the “I’m Praying For” page to help you focus on a specific country or people group as you pray.

Prayer is God’s invitation for you to participate in His work around the world. He gives us an opportunity to join Him in relieving suffering, restoring dignity, and revealing hope to those in need.

So when you read the news and do not know how to pray, see the uncertainty as your invitation. God will use your prayers — no matter how simple — to impact others living in the toughest places.

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It is as easy as 1-2-3...



BONUS

If you would like to tangibly meet the needs of people in the toughest places for whom you have prayed, visit unto.com/LifesavingAid.

PRAYING FOR PEOPLE IN THE TOUGHEST PLACES

People in the toughest places face many challenges. They lack the food, clean water, or basic items they need to survive. They are threatened by armed conflict. They have very few opportunities to hear about the eternal hope of Jesus.

The suggested topics below can be used to pray for those who are suffering around the world.

Peace

Today there are more armed conflicts going on in the world than since World War II. More than 100 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes.

Pray for countries affected by conflict and war. Pray God will bring peace. Pray for God to work in those who are leading tribes and nations — every person needs to know Him. Pray for productive peace talks and lasting peace agreements.

Protection

More than 360 million Christians worldwide face high levels of persecution and discrimination. Over one third of all women globally have endured some kind of gender-based violence. As wars and conflicts increase, the rights of minorities have been increasingly violated and ethnic violence has drastically increased.

Pray for God's protection over people in the toughest places. Pray He will protect those who profess faith in Jesus — and give them courage to stand strong in the face of discrimination and persecution. Pray for the safety of women and children as they fetch water, walk miles to school, or work under difficult conditions. Pray for protection and justice for minorities experiencing prejudice and aggression.

Provision

An unprecedented number of people, more than 274 million, are in need of humanitarian assistance. Over 200 million people face acute food insecurity. More than 2.2 billion people worldwide have only limited access to safe, clean water. Most of the world's 100 million refugees cannot access the basic items they need to survive.

Pray God will meet the needs of people around the world. Pray humanitarian organizations like Unto® will be able to access people in the toughest places and get supplies in to help them. Pray for favor with government authorities and community leaders so suffering people can receive the lifesaving aid they so critically need. Pray God would use many people, especially those who follow Him, to tangibly express humanitarian kindness.

Opportunities to Share Hope

In many closed countries and other tough places, the message of Jesus cannot be freely shared. Humanitarian aid is the only reason local staff teams and partners are able to continue their ministries. As our team members tangibly meet needs and build relationships, people often want to know more about the message of hope. At the right time staff members can share about Jesus.

Pray local staff teams serving in closed countries will be able to access supplies and tangibly meet needs within their communities. Pray they will be able to build relationships and have wisdom to know when and how to share about Jesus. Pray for favor with government and community leaders so ministry may continue.

New Christian Communities

In the toughest places very few churches exist. As people respond to the message of Jesus, they need to be connected with other believers so they can develop relationships and grow in their faith.

Pray many people will respond to the message of hope in Jesus. Pray local staff teams will be able to establish new churches in unreached areas. Pray God will raise up people to lead these new Christian communities and develop multiplying disciples who tell others about Jesus.

Together we can join God in His work throughout the world by praying for and serving those who need their suffering relieved, their dignity restored, and the hope of Jesus revealed.



I'M PRAYING FOR...



Country or People Group

Prayer Requests

Write out who you are praying for this week. Then list two to three specific prayer requests. Put the sheet on your fridge, nightstand, in your car, or other frequently visited location as a reminder to pray each day.



FOOD &
AGRICULTURE



CLEAN
WATER



CRITICAL
AID

For nearly 30 years, Unto[®] has leveraged strategic global partnerships to relieve suffering through humanitarian aid in more than 75 countries. As the humanitarian ministry of Cru[®], we accomplish our mission through three programs: Food and Agriculture, Clean Water, and Critical Aid.



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