

Prayers for a *Hurting* World

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Murder:

Lord, we don't understand murder, but we do understand that you can give victory in the most difficult situations. We ask for you to bring salvation to those who are lost, bring comfort to the mourning, and bring fruit for your kingdom out of the dirt and ashes of pain. Show us how to shine your light, love, and forgiveness in a dark world. In Jesus' name, amen.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Terrorism:

Lord in heaven, I am thankful that you are in control and there is nothing happening that you are not aware of. For you are the Lord God and are with us wherever we go. We need not be dismayed (Joshua 1:9), no matter the terrifying things that are happening to us and around us. Thank you for the spirit of love, power, and sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7) that you have given your Church, and I ask now that your Church would bravely reach out to a lost and hurting world with the only message of hope, your gospel. I pray that your message would be received and yet-to-be-believers would see that there is a future hope and it will not be cut off (Proverbs 23:18). I also ask that forgiveness would take root in the heart of those who have been viciously wronged and feel justified in revenge. This I pray all in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

"For surely there is a future and your hope will not be cut off." Proverbs 23:18

Politics:

Lord, renew our minds to dwell most on You, not on politics or future troubles. Your help is here and now. We can rest in peace. No matter what.

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God" Psalm 20:7.

Slavery:

"Lord, thank You for Your heart for justice and protection for all of Your creation. We lift up today all of those trapped in human trafficking, and we ask Your protection and freedom of those enslaved. Shine light on this darkness, God, and show those who hurt others the freedom of Your path. Help all of us to not turned our eyes away from this injustice, but rather unite in love to helping our brothers and sisters to safety. Amen.

"The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed." - Psalm 103:6 (NIV)



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Persecution:

"Lord, I pray Your blessing on those who are persecuted for Your name's sake (Matthew 5:10), that they will be filled with Your courage and peace (Phillipans 4:6-7), and that through Your strength they will rejoice (1 Peter 4:12-14). Please help them to know Your love each day (Romans 8:35-37), and abiding in You, to love those who persecute them (Matthew 5:44). I pray also for those who persecute, that their hearts would be softened, and that You would draw them to Yourself so that they might become Yours forever."

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:10

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" Matthew 5:44

Additional Prayers:
