



Praying as families for those residing in war-torn nations.

Day 31

Throughout human history, wars have shaped nations, often emerging at the expense of great pain and devastation, impacting resources, individuals, families, and communities. With technological advancements and current global situations, the likelihood and severity of wars have increased. Some nations teeter on the edge of war or volatile circumstances resembling war. The Bible clearly warns of wars and rumors of war preceding the Lord's coming, as Jesus states in Matthew 24:6-7. Wars are a harsh reality that will persist until His return.

Countries strive to mitigate such situations, investing in the latest war equipment and defense systems to secure their borders. Despite international efforts, some nations continue to engage in conflict. In the midst of war, it is the soldiers, their families, and communities that bear the brunt of the consequences. In war-torn nations, families live in constant fear, facing the possibility of losing loved ones in battle. War can subject families to crimes, theft, and atrocities, leaving lasting scars. Young people, compelled to join the army in such nations, sacrifice their dreams and endure separation from their loved ones. These are the costs borne by families in war-torn regions. Many survivors live with trauma, some even expressing a desire for death, seeing little hope for their future after losing possessions and family members. Rebuilding cities and lives will take years.

Individuals in these situations question their purpose and even the existence of God. While we understand God's compassion and justice, the greed of sinful humans contributes to these circumstances, causing God pain. He weeps with those in distress and is the only one who can provide the necessary relief for their suffering.

Our response in times like these may lack specific instructions, but the Word of God promises in Isaiah 58:11 that the Lord will guide us always and satisfy our needs in a sun-scorched land. As God's people, we must kneel in intercession and contribute aid through various channels available to us.



We commend the role the Church has played in aiding war-affected countries by providing shelter, food, and clothing to families. This response should transcend faith and ideology. Jesus encourages us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us (Luke 6:27). In difficult times, our love should be demonstrated with a genuine heart and care. Let us pray that the Church continues to be a beacon of light, bringing comfort and healing to those who suffer. People need the hope of an eternal home, made possible through Jesus's death on the Cross. This certainty can provide much-needed relief to those in pain.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, God of peace and love, with the rise in wickedness, selfishness, pride, and greed, nations are in conflict. Families suffer due to the ego and gain of leaders. We pray for leaders to work toward the love and harmony of nations and people. Protect and provide for families affected by war. Heal the grief of those who have lost loved ones. May the Church be a light in their dark world, offering hope of eternity through love and solidarity. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

