



URGENT PRAYER FOR AFGHANISTAN

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

- May the believers facing persecution be comforted by the fact that You sit in heaven and are sovereign over this chaos.
- May they experience the presence of Jesus in suffering and death, and may Your name be hallowed by their testimony.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

- Demonstrate Your power and character through the Afghan church and Your global body as we welcome those who have lost community and enfold them into ours.
- Awaken those trapped between fearful fundamentalism and the failed promises of materialism. May they find freedom in You and may their government reflect Your justice and mercy.

Give us today our daily bread

- We pray for those who have lost everything; may You provide for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- May Your people embrace these refugees with hospitality and enfold them into community.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

- Restrain the vengeance of the Taliban. Like Paul, may they repent and become followers of Jesus instead of persecuting Your followers.
- Reconcile the warring factions of Afghanistan and heal the wounds of war through the power of the gospel.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

- We are tempted to lose sight of the spiritual battle in which You have placed us. Give us a new commitment to pray and join the battle.
- We pray for new workers among the Afghan peoples, particularly from veterans with relationships and language experience.

In addition to prayer, we have more ways that you can engage with our Afghan brothers and sisters. Go to mtw.org/afghan to find out more.



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