

Intro

As we watch devastating events taking place in the Middle East, we are not mere spectators. We don't just see headlines. We see people who struggle, who grieve, who suffer, who are frightened, and who are in great need.

As this crisis unfolds, we can help through prayer. We will cry out to God on their behalf, asking Him to bring about true peace as only He can. Join us now as we pray, together.

"But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help" (Psalm 31:22b).

Physical Needs

Men, women, and children are facing unspeakable horrors — emotional injuries, physical injuries, devastation to their homes and villages. While this region has a history of unrest, the escalation of violence demands an urgency in our intercession.

King of Kings, may the people of the Middle East feel Your arms wrap around them and hear the gentle whisper of love in their ears as You open their hearts to One Who Heals. We pray You will bless the efforts of counselors, doctors, nurses, builders, community developers and others to give aid to the many in desperate need.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

Lostness

Rockets are launched and the streets are filled with violence. Amid this chaos, the lost are living and dying in darkness. Since October 2023, many have questioned their belief systems and are searching for something more. While the nations rage, God is still in control and near to all who call out to Him.

Almighty God, You are the only One who can breathe life into dead and weary souls. Would You pour into these hearts Your words of Truth, Grace, and Mercy? We pray that You will use current events to draw the lost into a relationship with His Son, for He is near and hears those who call out to Him.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Gospel Advance

Believers are walking through this crisis with non-believing neighbors, friends, and family members. The opportunities to share the gospel are unparalleled. People are asking for prayer, going to their believing neighbors with questions, and willing to listen.

Holy God, we pray believers will demonstrate attitudes of peace in the midst of this current situation. We pray they will comfort their friends who grieve losses and explain why fear doesn't consume their thoughts. We pray the lost will ask them about the peace they have in times of trouble so that they might hear the words of hope and believe. Please give believers boldness to share the gospel with clarity and grace.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

The Church

Believers from diverse backgrounds who are united in Christ can display God's love to each other and to their neighbors. Praise God for this picture of the gospel lived out by His followers in word and in deed. Praise Him that this is happening in the Middle East.

Heavenly Father, as darkness envelopes the Middle East, may Your children shine even more brightly, guiding the hurting and lost to Jesus. We pray that Your Church will tangibly help those who have been hurt by the conflict through mercy ministries and counseling. We praise You for those who are already doing this. Please give them strength as they help others.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).