

TEN PRAYERS FOR THE AFGHAN CRISIS

Prayer	Commentary	Scriptural Reference
Holy Spirit, please bring comfort & peace to those who have lost loved ones.	Both Afghan & American families have been affected by the appalling violence of the last several weeks. Ask the Holy Spirit to cover them in His perfect peace.	<i>"Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ... who comforts us in all our affliction, so we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction ..."</i> -2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Lord, please provide both physical protection & deliverance of the coalition soldiers and innocent civilians caught up in these terrible circumstances.	Pray that those trying to maintain peace & security will be protected & supernaturally enabled to thwart evil. Pray for a spirit of peace to descend upon the airport area so that evacuations may continue safely.	<i>"Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war ..."</i> -Psalm 140:1-3
Father, please provide both physical protection & deliverance of the brothers and sisters who comprise the Afghan Church.	Some are injured. Many are constantly on the move to avoid being apprehended. All are frightened. Ask the Father to protect and guide them to a place of safety.	<i>"Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my steps stumble ... They have set traps for me."</i> -Psalm 140:4-5
God, please give Afghan believers the right words and help them to fearlessly make Christ known.	Pray for wisdom and boldness, that Afghan believers would know when to speak and what to say.	<i>"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel ..."</i> -Ephesians 6:19-20
Abba, show Afghan believers that Your grace is sufficient and that Your power is perfected in their weakness.	Pray that God would strengthen Afghan believers in their distress and that He would demonstrate His mighty power on their behalf.	<i>"... My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness ..."</i> -2 Corinthians 12:9-10
Father, help Afghan believers love their enemies and live the joy of the Lord before their persecutors.	Ask the Lord to grant them the capacity to pray for their enemies and to demonstrate the joy of the Lord—even in distress.	<i>"... love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."</i> -Luke 6:27-31
Lord, I pray that Afghan believers would completely trust in You.	Pray that God would use these difficult circumstances to increase their faith in His constant provision.	<i>"... we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life ... But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God ..."</i> -2 Corinthians 1:8-9
God, may Afghan believers never lose sight of the glorious future that awaits them in heaven.	Pray that the Lord would keep them ever mindful of His firm promise of eternal life with Him in heaven.	<i>"For I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us."</i> -Romans 8:18
Father, I pray that Afghan believers will endure.	Ask the Lord to grant them strength, determination, and provision to continue strong in the faith.	<i>"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised ..."</i> -James 1:12
Lord, help the Church continue to grow, that the name of Jesus would be lifted up across Afghanistan.	Pray the underground Church continues to flourish and that the enemy would be powerless to interfere. Pray that those who have been deceived by false religion will embrace the truth of the Gospel.	<i>"... on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."</i> -Matthew 16:18