

PRAYERS

God of Peace, St. Francis prayed, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."
And so do we. Make us instruments of your peace.

Allow instruments of peace to rise up in South Sudan and in Democratic Republic of Congo

And flourish all over your world: instruments of peace who offer stability, safety, and justice that bring joy and hope; that foster hearts of reconciliation, mercy, and love.

God of Justice,

The prophet Jeremiah likened your saving justice to towering mountains.

And so do we. May your justice tower over the people of South Sudan and of Democratic Republic of Congo:

Upholding the righteous,

Protecting the widow and orphan,

Staying the hand that seeks violence,

Reconciling brother with brother,

Sister with sister, your children with each other.

God of Plenty,

Your Son showed us how in faith, prayer and generosity,

Your bounty could be multiplied And so will we.

Bless South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo with a bountiful harvest;

Let this conflict not dry its fields or close its markets

Or still its people's desire to share what they have.

Banish famine from their land and turn the hearts of all to those who hunger

That we may all share what you have blessed us with;

That their baskets may be filled,

That their cups may overflow,

That their children may flourish.

Amen



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OUR FATHER OF PEACE (Jesus, who passed through this world sowing the true PEACE, taught his disciples a prayer as simple as deep. Today we dare to paraphrase it saying together).

My Father, our Father,
Father of all.

Hallowed be your PEACE.

Help us to make present your kingdom of justice so that we have PEACE.

A PEACE not only heavenly, also earthly, here and now.

Give us today and each day our share of PEACE so that we share it with those who do not have enough.

Teach us to forgive and to reconcile ourselves, with others and with you.

Do not let us fall under the temptation of violence.

And deliver us from hatred.

Amen.



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GOD OF LIFE,

We join with the ecumenical leaders of South Sudan and the Republic Democratic of Congo in their call for peace.

- We pray that in South Sudan and in the Republic Democratic of Congo would be a country where justice, liberty and prosperity for all shall truly reign.
- We pray that they would become countries where people will live long and children will not die young and senselessly.
- We pray that the lessons from history will be learned, that issues would be resolved quickly and so avoiding the suffering of many.
- We pray for healing of division, for hunger to be filled and for hope to flourish in South Sudan and the Republic Democratic of Congo.
- Pray that peace agreements will be implemented and a lasting ceasefire will be reached in every region by all factions involved
- Pray for the millions of people who have been forced to flee their homes.
- Pray for those who have lost loved one in the fighting and attacks.
- Pray that food and essential items will be put in place for communities, especially those in hardest to reach areas.
- Pray for the Council of Churches and all the churches, and the courageous work they are doing to spread powerful messages of peace.
- Pray for the millions of people currently in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.
- Pray that the international community will provide the immediate assistance and longer-term support needed by the people of South Sudan.
- Pray that an arms embargo becomes effective and promoted by the international community
- Pray that human life and dignity prevails over multinational's interests.



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