



# How to Pray...

## AGAINST GENOCIDE



Genocide is an attempt to wipe out a particular people group, race, religion, or culture. As of April 2018, genocide is happening in 20 countries. In Myanmar, both the Rohingya and Kachin people are being targeted. Genocides in Sudan, South Sudan, and DR Congo have been going on for more than a decade. It is happening in Syria and Iraq, Somalia, Nigeria, Burundi...Millions of innocent women, men, and children have been murdered. Millions more have fled for their lives, creating an unprecedented refugee crisis. According to the United Nations, there are currently 65,600,000 forcibly displaced people in the world.

It is an unspeakable, unfathomable evil. But, like all evil, it starts with a lie—the belief that one group is less valuable, or even less human, than another. This lie gives rise to an “us/them” mentality that leads to discrimination, dehumanization, and, ultimately, extermination. The truth is that every person is created in the image of God, with purpose and value. Our Maker loves and values us equally.



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## Please Pray With Us:

- for protection over all families, men, women, and children who are experiencing genocide, that they would be covered and surrounded with God's peace and safety. Pray that God would hear their cries for salvation from their enemies. Pray for healing and hope for those who have witnessed or endured violence. Pray that they would be able to forgive as Christ forgave, that they would not retaliate, but that they would be peacemakers.
- that the Church would know and live out God's love. Pray especially for unity within the Church, despite local religious or ethnic conflicts. Pray that the Church would be a beacon of light and truth to all people and would show God's love to each individual regardless of ethnic background.
- against any fear or apathy that might hinder onlookers from speaking up about the issues. Pray that God would raise up advocates. And as we speak out, pray that governments, organizations, and communities would hear the call and respond.
- for the end of these conflicts. Pray that governmental corruption would be rooted out and that justice would be restored. Pray that governments would advocate for peace and would defend all people equally.

***We encourage you to meditate on these verses and pray them over people experiencing genocide.***

O Lord, how many are my foes!  
Many are rising against me;  
many are saying to me,  
"There is no help for you in God."  
But You, O Lord, are a shield around me,  
my glory, and the One who lifts up my head.  
I cry aloud to the Lord,  
and He answers me from His holy hill.  
I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.  
I am not afraid of ten thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.  
Rise up, O Lord!  
Deliver me, O my God!  
For You strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
You break the teeth of the wicked.  
Deliverance belongs to the Lord;  
may Your blessing be on your people!

*Psalms 3*