



# 7 Areas of Prayer for Afghanistan

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## PRAYER 1

### AFGHAN BELIEVERS

RECENTLY, A WAVE OF NEW BELIEVERS HAS EMERGED WITHIN THE COUNTRY. IF THEY ARE DISCOVERED AS BELIEVERS LIVING IN TALIBAN-CONTROLLED REGIONS, THEY MAY BE TARGETED.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for wisdom for believers to make decisions in the midst of this conflict (whether to evacuate and where to stay).
- Pray for believers staying put, that God may protect them and their families.
- Pray that they will have opportunities to share the gospel in their communities and that the church will continue to grow, even among the Taliban.
- From a WO worker: Pray for the **Afghan brothers and sisters who have no immediate options for leaving**, nor perhaps should they unless God tells them to go. Pray that they will not fear but remain faithful to Jesus if and when questioned. They are concerned for their families safety as their unbelieving relatives or neighbors who know they are believers, may turn them in to the Taliban

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Matthew 5:11*

## PRAYER 2

### AFGHAN REFUGEES

MANY AFGHANS ARE DESPERATELY TRYING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THIS MEANS THAT A WAVE OF AFGHANS IS GOING TO ARRIVE IN MANY PLACES LIKE PAKISTAN, INDIA, TAJIKISTAN, UZBEKISTAN, GREECE, TURKEY, IRAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, ETC...

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the process of departure of many refugees. Many end up in very vulnerable and desperate situations with a lack of basic needs, and may fall victim to people who even promise to help them out and only steal, extort or take advantage of their families.
- Pray that the church will respond in places where new Afghan refugees arrive and we can be the hands and feet of Christ helping them through such a difficult time for their families.
- Pray against misinformation. Often rumors of how to leave the country surface that make it difficult for Afghan refugees to make decisions with accurate information.
- From a WO worker: Pray for **churches in cities with large Afghan communities**, that they would be ready **to welcome, invite into their homes and befriends these families**.

*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9*

### PRAYER 3

#### GLOBAL WORKERS LEAVING AFGHANISTAN

WAVES OF WORKERS CONTINUE TO LEAVE AFGHANISTAN SUDDENLY; SOME HAVE LIVED THERE FOR MANY YEARS AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IT IS HOME.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for wisdom in next steps and direction from God on where to go (serve in another country or head back home)
- Pray for God to walk with them during this season of mourning as they have lost their homes.
- Pray that those who stay in nearby countries can have everything they need and can grieve.
- Pray for new workers who have just arrived or those ready to leave who see their plans thwarted and have to change directions.
- From a WO worker: Pray for the **foreign “workers” still in country** who are making their way out of country via military flights, some are unsure how long to stay in country.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, Psalm 46:1-2*

### PRAYER 4

#### GLOBAL WORKERS STAYING IN AFGHANISTAN

REGARDLESS OF THE CURRENT REALITY, THERE IS A PERCENTAGE WHO WILL STILL STAY IN AFGHANISTAN THIS SEASON.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- May every spirit of fear leave them and a spirit of courage and faith in God remain.
- Pray for open doors at this very moment in sharing hope with the locals.
- May God give them grace and favor with the Taliban and city councils.
- From a WO Worker: Pray for the **civil government**. The new rulers have the task of running a civil government and society that is stable and peaceful. Even if it is along lines we do not prefer, such laws have not stopped the Church in the past, **pray that it will not now**.
- From a WO Worker: Pray for **opportunities for Christian workers to Afghanistan**. Once there is order there will be a huge need for humanitarian/Christian aid organizations to return. We worked under them before and will likely do so again. Pray for new doors and opportunities to open up.

*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7*

### PRAYER 5

#### AFGHANISTAN AND GLOBAL NATIONS

WE DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE AFGHANISTAN TO STABILIZE AND WHO WILL BE IN CONTROL IN THIS NEXT SEASON.

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## PRAYER 5 continued

- Pray that different humanitarian aid organizations can be cared for and protected, to continue providing support to displaced Afghans from different provinces that are currently in tents in Kabul.
- That the nation can soon revert to some sense of normalcy and stability.
- That communication between people in the country and the rest of the world may remain open and flowing freely.
- That God would be the one to bring peace to this country as UN, Russia, US and other countries have not found a way.
- From a WO global worker: Pray for **a deep repentance of all the parties involved in trying to “fix” Afghanistan without grasping with the deepest levels of what is wrong**. It is clear that 20 years of interventions (armies, education, training, economic, political solutions) which are appropriate for certain situations, they alone cannot transform the human heart, the real source of the problem.

*The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes.  
Proverbs 21:1*

## PRAYER 6

### TALIBAN AND AL QAEDA

THESE GROUPS HAVE GAINED GROUND IN THE REGION AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HORRIBLE ACTS, HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT BEYOND THE GRASP OF GOD'S LOVE AND MIGHT.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the Taliban, among them are believers who could not leave their armies because other Talibs threatened to kill their relatives.
- Pray that many of the Taliban with black turbans (mercenaries from many countries), may see their attacks thwarted.
- Pray for God's might to stop the advance of Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups.
- From a WO Worker: Pray for **God's Kingdom to come to Afghanistan**. There are no human solutions. Not armies, nor money nor training, etc. have been able to change their hearts, the real root of the problem. Only God can do that thru Jesus. Pray that even the Taliban can not stop God's purpose for this nation and her people.

*But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:44*

## PRAYER 7

### THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

MOMENTS LIKE THIS ARE CRUCIAL FOR US AS BELIEVERS. WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that more congregations globally will join in praying for Afghanistan and reaching out to Afghans.
- Pray that we as individuals will be the hands and feet of the Lord in our own neighborhoods.
- Pray that we may see and seize opportunities to send, support and pray for workers working with Afghans globally.
- From a WO global worker: Pray for **EPC churches to awaken to God's invitation to reach all their neighbors**: Pray that each EPC member may find someplace new to love their neighbor and joyfully share the Gospel with these new friends.

*And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15*