TIME IS RUNNING OUT
Since the civil war in Syria began in March 2011, more than 100,000 people have been killed. The number of refugees fleeing to neighbouring countries has topped 2 million, and these countries are feeling the strain. More than 6 million individuals have been displaced from their homes within Syria – but because of the fighting, aid agencies are unable to reach many of these people with the help they so desperately need.

Time is running out for the men, women and children affected by the conflict. Winter is coming, and the cold weather will hit refugees hard. A peaceful solution to the crisis in Syria needs to be found – now.

A CALL TO PRAY URGENTLY FOR PEACE TALKS
International leaders are urging that a peace conference on Syria, dubbed Geneva II, should take place soon. However, plans for these talks are facing delays as those involved are struggling to agree on terms.

This means our prayers are more important than ever.

Please join us in praying that the Geneva II peace conference will take place without delay or hindrance, that all parties to the conflict will be present, and that the talks will be representative of the peaceful majority of Syrians, including women’s groups and refugees.

Let’s pray that through the Geneva II peace talks, world leaders and decision makers in Syria will do everything they can to find a sustainable political solution to the conflict. Pray that these talks will be a successful first step towards lasting peace in Syria.

We cry out together to ‘the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort’ (2 Cor. 1:3) for peace and healing in Syria.

‘SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.’
(PSALM 34:14)
PRAYER IDEAS

1. As part of your church’s time of prayer and intercession, ask three people to read out the spoken prayers below. You may like to get members of one family to lead prayers for Syria.

2. You can show the Syria Peace Talks PowerPoint presentation available at www.tearfund.org/syria and ask everyone in your church service to join in with the responses.

3. If you just have two minutes available, please read out the prayer for the peace talks.

4. If you have more time visit www.tearfund.org/syria for further news and other prayer resources on Syria, including a seven-day prayer guide for the peace talks.

SPOKEN PRAYERS

A PRAYER FOR THE PEACE TALKS
Almighty God, we pray that peace talks for Syria will take place without delay or hindrance. We ask that these talks will lead towards a stable and secure future for the Syrian people, in which they can rebuild their lives without fear.

We pray for a time to come soon when the weapons of war will be exchanged for positive plans for restored and thriving communities. Please help those involved to do everything in their power to find a path to lasting peace. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS
Heavenly Father, we pray for the fathers who have been affected by the conflict in Syria. Please give them courage and strength as they struggle to protect and provide for their loved ones.

We ask you to bring about peace in Syria so that families can rebuild their lives in stability and live free from want. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN
Lord Jesus, we bring before you every child caught up in the conflict. We pray for healing for their trauma, and that they will know the joy of childhood despite the disorder surrounding them.

We ask you to bring about peace in Syria so that children can grow up free from fear and filled with hope. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS
Loving Lord, we lift up to you all mothers whose lives have been torn apart by the fighting. Please pour your comfort into their hearts as they grieve to see those they love in distress.

We ask you to bring about peace in Syria so that mothers can rejoice to see their families thrive again. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING WITH US IN PRAYER. LET’S CONTINUE TO PRAY UNTIL THERE’S A LASTING PEACE IN SYRIA.