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PRAYERS FOR THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

While the world's attention has been turned elsewhere, horrors have been happening in the Central African Republic (CAR) on a daily basis. Let's join together to pray for an end to the suffering, and for peace and reconciliation.

Recent conflict has left thousands dead and more than 600,000 people homeless, while 250,000 have fled to neighbouring countries. More than half the population – 2.5 million people – are in urgent need of food, water, sanitation and healthcare.

These prayers can be read corporately or by an individual in a church service, prayer or small group. Or they could be used during personal devotion times.

A PRAYER FOR THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

By Steve Clifford, General Director of the Evangelical Alliance

Lord of all heaven and earth we pray for peace.
We pray for the people of the Central African Republic as the country continues to struggle, and is plagued with violence.
We pray for peace in places where fighting is intense, we pray for breakthrough where there is tension.
For families finding food hard to come by we pray for provision.
For people who have been uprooted from their homes we pray for shelter.
We pray that we would be alert to the suffering taking place, and active in responding to need.
Thank you Father for those who are serving in the most needed of places, thank you for their commitment and their sacrifice, and we ask that where we too can serve, we will.
Have mercy on your people and bring peace to a troubled world. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE ACROSS THE WORLD

Adapted from a prayer by St Anselm (1033–1109)

God of love, whose compassion never fails;
We bring before you those suffering across the world because of war and conflict
For people who have been forced from their homes
For older people, children and people who are sick, injured or with disabilities
For people in prison, and for people forced into fighting
For those who have lost loved ones
Comfort and relieve them, merciful Father, according to their needs;
For the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER BY A PASTOR FROM BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

We pray for the end of fighting
And for the reconciliation process to begin
We ask you to respond to the needs of the victims;
To draw close to all who are internally displaced
To provide for the needs of refugees
We pray for the road to peace to run smoothly
And that talks between the two sides will proceed uninterrupted.
We pray all this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Thank you for joining with us in prayer.
Let's continue to pray until there is lasting peace in CAR.