

PRAYERS

FOR SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

We pray for the people of both Sudan and South Sudan: that they will experience a hope and a future filled with love, joy and peace. This is our prayer at this monumental time in history as, on July 9, 2011, Africa will witness the birth of its newest nation following the decision of South Sudan to separate from the north. You may like to use the following written prayers in your intercessions. Please do continue to hold Sudan and South Sudan in your prayers.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE:

God of Mercies, we thank you for your great love for us.

We ask you to guide our leaders in the process of nation-building.

Grant them wisdom, compassion and fortitude.

Loving God, we pray you will give courage to the people of Sudan to reject resentment, as well as ethnic conflicts.

Father of Compassion, grant your help to overcome whatever hurt, hostility and bitterness is in hearts, so that there will be reconciled citizens in a new nation.

Prince of Peace, bring Sudan closer to you in the spirit of service, unity and lasting peace.

Loving Lord, we remember all those who died during the long years of civil war.

We ask for your comfort to surround families affected by pain and loss.

May your presence be a light in the darkness.

We pray in thanksgiving for all those who are standing by Sudan in solidarity to bring about peace.

Unite us from every tribe, tongue and people.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and may your will be done in us.

God bless our new nation: South Sudan.

Bless Sudan.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

Adapted from a prayer by the Church in Sudan

PRAYER FOR THE POST-REFERENDUM PERIOD

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Almighty God, we thank you for a peaceful referendum.

We pray for the preparation of the inauguration of the new nation of South Sudan on July 9, 2011.

We pray for all the plans and that your will shall be done.

We pray for the leaders of the new nation: that you will grant them wisdom from above as they lead your people of South Sudan.

We pray for some of the issues that are still pending like the situation in Abyei: that a peaceful resolution will be reached.

We pray for peace and prosperity in Darfur.

We ask all this through Jesus our Lord,

Amen.