



DARFUR: A Call To Action Lessons from Faith Leaders



Sample Prayers

Dear God,
In the matter of Darfur, help me to
be concerned without cynicism
involved without fear
speak without rancor
pray without ceasing
live without complicity
so that with my brothers and sisters in Darfur we may
live with hope
act with confidence
speak truth with strength
and become your loving presence on this earth. Amen.

—*From the Covenant Community Church in Raleigh, N.C.*

O God of peace, who commands us to seek peace, send peace to the people of Darfur.
O God of compassion, who hears the cry of the afflicted, hear the cry of the victims, the bereaved, the injured, and all those who live their days in fear.
Rouse the hearts of the leaders of the world to put an end to the bloodshed, the violence, the rape, the starvation, and the terror that has ravaged and endangered an entire population.
Be with those who are working for peace, or tending the sick, or bringing food to the hungry, or shelter to the homeless, or hope to those who are close to despair.
O God of justice and love, let us not be indifferent to the cry of the persecuted and the ears of those who have seen their homes, their families, and their communities destroyed.
And may their plea and their plight reach the ears and hearts of those who have it in their power to bring peace to a troubled region and aid to a devastated people.
Oseh shalom bimromav—may You who makes peace in Your high places help us make peace down here on earth.
—*A Prayer for the People of Darfur by Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks*

O Allah, thou art Peace and Peace emanates from thee. Allow us to live and to subsist in Peace. O Most Merciful of those who show Mercy.
O Compassionate One, O Companion to every lonesome one, we implore you to comfort the hearts of the people of Darfur with your magnificence.
Lord of all Humankind, from what we have witnessed, grant us the grace to have a greater understanding and empathy for the suffering of innocent victims of the war in the Sudan, no matter their, ethnicity, color or religion. All-wise and All-mighty God, Grant the leaders of the Sudan wisdom and guide them to use their power to serve the good of all and to fashion a more just and caring world.
Amin.
—*Dua/Prayer for the People of Darfur, Sudan by Imam A. Rasheid Omar*