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## PRAYERS FOR SYRIA

### A Prayer for the People of Syria

God of Compassion,  
Hear the cries of the people of Syria,  
Bring healing to those suffering from the violence,  
Bring comfort to those mourning the dead,  
Strengthen Syria's neighbors in their care and welcome for refugees,  
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms,  
And protect those committed to peace.

God of Hope,  
Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies,  
Inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria,  
And give us hope for a future of peace built on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
Prince of Peace and Light of the World,

Amen.

**Source:** This prayer is from [Catholics Confront Global Poverty](#), a collaborative effort of USCCB and Catholic Relief Services.

### Prayer for the Fourth Day of the Week of Prayer:

We pray for all those who have had to abandon their families, their homes, their land and their property. For all those who are hungry and do not have a roof over their heads. We pray for those who live in refugee camps. We pray for all the countries receiving the displaced, for all of those all over the world who are offering aid, assistance and care to the emigrants and refugees. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for Syria, pray for us.

### **Syria Crisis Prayer**

God of mercy,  
Pour out your peace upon us all.  
Watch over our brothers and sisters in Syria,  
especially those who have fled their homes.  
Lead them to a place of safety  
and bring comfort to those who mourn.

Inspire us all to share the light of your hope,  
and to reach out in a spirit of compassion.  
Make us channels of your peace,  
so all your children may live  
free from fear, conflict and pain.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Prince of Peace, Amen.

**Source:** Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

### **A prayer for the people of Syria (for schools)**

Holy Spirit,  
Breathe your gift of peace into our hearts and our world.  
Make us channels of your peace for those who are near to us and for those who are far away.  
We pray for the people of Syria,  
especially those who have lost homes and families.  
Inspire our global family to play our part so that the people of Syria can rebuild their lives  
without fear.  
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.  
Amen.

**Source:** CAFOD

## Intercessions

*Response:* Lord, hear our prayer

**For the Church, that our leaders continue to be bearers of the Good News and serve as examples of the peacemakers we are called to be, we pray to the Lord**

*Response:* Lord, hear our prayer

**For all government and political leaders, that they work to end the fighting in Syria and that their decisions and actions lead to a future of peace, we pray to the Lord**

*Response:* Lord, hear our prayer

**For Syrian community leaders that they understand the importance of their role and do what they can to ensure justice and peace, while protecting the most vulnerable, we pray to the Lord**

*Response:* Lord, hear our prayer

**For all communities, help us to be bearers of peace in our own communities as we walk with our sisters and brothers in Syria and around the world, so that we all will be called peacemakers and children of God, we pray to the Lord**

*Response:* Lord, hear our prayer

**Source:** Catholic Relief Services

