

Prayer Topic #1:
A Prayer for Somalia

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 27, Zechariah 7:8-13

Reflections of the Heart:

“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Scriptural Prayer:

Exalted Father, we love You. Thank You for being a God who loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of Your goodness. We give You praise and thanksgiving, for You are a strong tower and fortress to the oppressed people of Somalia. We are grateful to You for coming to their aid through the hands and feet of compassionate, faithful missionaries, human rights advocates, and others. We give glory to our Lord, Jesus, the Anointed One, who came to bring good news to the poor, comfort the brokenhearted, and proclaim the release of those who have been held captive and oppressed. Father, You alone are the God who lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. All the earth is Yours and You have set the world in order. We give You thanks, for You are good! Your faithful love endures forever.

Holy Father, we declare that Jesus is Lord over the Horn of Africa! You see the wickedness that has caused the drought, famine and violence to grip Somalia and many of the surrounding East African nations. We expect You to bring swift justice on those who are perpetuating the human atrocities that threaten the lives of more than 11 million people every day. Father, we believe that You have heard their cries and You will answer them. In the Name of Jesus, we command the powers and principalities that control the unrighteous government rulers and the al-Qaida-linked militants of that land to cease in their activities. We render them powerless and we declare that the Blood of Jesus is against them! Arise, O Lord, and let your enemies be scattered! Let them flee before You! For every mother who wanders, hungry and thirsty, desperately seeking refuge for her starving babies, we proclaim that You will lead them straight to safety, to a city where they can live. We confess that when they have been delivered, they will praise You for Your great love and for the wonderful things You have done for them. They will know and will declare that it is You who satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how to pray for the specific needs of the people of Somalia:

Holy Spirit, we ask You to give safe passage to the United Nations World Food Program and other aid organizations who are airlifting emergency rations to our suffering brethren in Somalia. Father, dispatch angels to clear the way for them to reach the 2.2 million Somalians who have yet to be helped. Take away the spiritual darkness that blinds those who have been keeping Somalia oppressed and debilitated with constant civil war. Strategically place people with supernatural wisdom and understanding inside the Somali government who have the courage to take the necessary steps to overturn corruption and eradicate the land of power struggles. Please expedite the scheduled donor conference that has been planned to bring heads of state and African leaders together. Cause them to come together in goodwill and help them to focus on the immediate actions they must take to save the lives of the Somali people and restore their land. Holy Spirit, comfort the parents who have lost their children to the unrelenting drought and famine. Rebirth hope into the hearts of those who are fleeing by the thousands into refugee camps, and strengthen and empower the aid workers who are already working at capacity with supernatural grace.

Compassionate Lord, forgive the Somali leaders for any corrupt and unjust activities that have led to the demise of countless thousands of their citizens. Forgive the terrorist-linked militants who have bought into the

lies and deceptive ways of al-Qaida. Forgive them for putting the lives of the Somalian people at risk in order to secure selfish political and financial gain. Forgive us, the Body of Christ, for neglecting Your command to see to the needs of the poor and the oppressed. Forgive the world leaders who have not given the proper attention, nor taken decisive actions to either prevent or curtail this catastrophic event. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that You have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind the Somalian people of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. **(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show You names or faces of people that You may need to forgive. As He shows You, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in Your soul caused by unforgiveness.)**

Glorious Father, help the Somalians not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Magnificent Lord, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne. Fire spreads before You and burns up all Your foes. Your lightning flashes out across the world. The earth sees and trembles, and the mountains melt like wax before You, for You are the Lord of all the earth! In Jesus' Name, amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 33:5 (NKJV), Isaiah 61:1, I Samuel 2:8, Psalm 118:1, Numbers 10:35, Psalm 107:7-9, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 97:2-5

Today I will trust God to:
