



PRAY FOR IRAQ

Since June 9, fighting in northern Iraq has forced thousands of families to flee. Christians and other minorities continue to be targeted for persecution and are choosing to abandon their homes rather than their faith. Some of those in peril include Syrian refugees who recently fled violence in their own country.

Iraq is now contending with one of the world's largest displacement crises. More than 1.5 million people are affected and 1.2 million displaced, according to U.N. estimates. Many families have endured long journeys in searing summer heat to seek safety.

PRAY THAT PEOPLE WILL FIND ADEQUATE SHELTER AND WATER.

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Many displaced families have resorted to eating only one meal a day due to lack of food sources. Families that were unable to flee the fighting are in worse circumstances. This is especially concerning, since many children are not getting the nutrition they need to grow up healthy and strong.

We are reminded that You supernaturally fed thousands with a few small fish and loaves of bread. We ask for Your help to supply families with the food necessary to strengthen their bodies and help children to grow.

PRAY FOR CHILDREN'S PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING.

Children are particularly vulnerable to long-term displacement and violent upheaval. In the response to this crisis, children will need psychosocial support to recover. With their educations disrupted, they also will need help catching up with their peers.

Lord, You are the Sustainer of all things. Help children who are suffering as a result of what they've experienced. Heal their minds and hearts. And help them receive the educational support they'll need to resume learning.

PRAY FOR THOSE FACING PERSECUTION.

Iraq is the cradle of biblical families and Abraham, the father of faith, came from Ur in the south. Mosul, on the northern Plains of Ninevah, is in the area where the prophet Jonah ministered. It is distressing to see ancient places of worship and cities where faith was nurtured become places of persecution against Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities.

Lord, You pronounced blessing on those who experienced persecution for Your sake (Matt. 5:10). Bless those today who are suffering persecution with Your peace. Comfort them in their affliction and lead them to safety.

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