10 Prayers for the World Today

Compassion International

As Christians, we know that God listens to our prayers for the world. Our hearts and minds can feel overwhelmed by the immense challenges affecting people, all around the world as well as our loved ones.

God, our Heavenly Father, listens to His loved ones. Scripture promises that when we turn to Him, He will respond resulting in powerful prayers of intercession. **Psalm 46:1** says, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble”.

Our Father God is sovereign over all. He is good, He is powerful, and He is filled with compassion. So, let’s turn to Him in faith, casting our cares upon Him with persistence and thanksgiving, remembering all the ways He has helped us in the past. As we pray, we echo the words of **the Lord’s Prayer**, calling on our Father in heaven to bring His kingdom, provide for our needs, and lead us in grace and truth. Thank you for taking time to bring the needs of others before God. He hears your prayers for the world, and we know He can do more than we ask or imagine.

1. A prayer for the world today

Father God, we pray for our world today. We pray for peace and hope to abound. Many are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and forest fires. Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis. O Lord, we pray for your provision, peace and protection. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

2. A prayer for the Church

We praise you, Almighty God, for your worldwide church. We lift to you our Compassion church partners who faithfully serve their communities by coming alongside children, young people and their families. Thank you for their skills and commitment to sharing your love. We pray that church families around the world would joyfully live out their faith with love and graciousness that brings glory to you. Amen.

3. A prayer for people facing difficulty

Loving Lord, we lift to you those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. So many people are facing all kinds of trials due to ill health, conflict, poverty and injustice. As Jesus teaches us in the Lord’s prayer,

we ask that your kingdom come, and your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Please comfort those who are in despair and help your followers be moved with compassion to share your love. Amen.

4. A prayer for good health

Father God, please protect those who are vulnerable to illness around the world. We think especially of children and babies living in poverty who are especially at risk, and where medical assistance is often more difficult to access. Father, we pray for your protection and healing. We pray for our partner churches who work so hard to look after their communities. We also lift before you healthcare workers and medical researchers. Thank you for their tireless service. Lord, we praise you for the recent medical advances against many diseases. We pray resources will be fairly distributed around the world. Amen.

5. Prayers for the world in the midst of natural disasters

Lord, we pray for all who are affected by natural disasters and issues of climate change that are having such a detrimental effect on people's livelihoods and putting many lives at risk. We pray that people living through such difficult times would find comfort and hope in you. Please provide the practical aid people need in times of emergency. Help those amongst us who have plentiful material resources to be generous in sharing what we have with others, and to be mindful of how our actions have an impact on the environment and on creating fair societies. Amen.

6. A prayer about political instability

O God, we pray for countries experiencing the turmoil of conflict and political instability. We ask for peace to be restored. Please grant wisdom and integrity to world leaders so that they will work for the good of the people they govern and serve. We pray that citizens everywhere would have their rights preserved, so they can live peacefully, free from fear. Amen.

7. A prayer for refugees and asylum seekers

Father God, we bring before you all those who've had to flee their homes due to persecution and conflict. May they find loving communities where they can settle well and find healing from trauma. May they come to experience your peace. Loving Heavenly Father, we pray that the people they meet will be kind and compassionate. We lift them to you and ask for your protection over them. Amen.

8. Prayers for world peace

Lord, we pray for world peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations. We pray for wars to end. We give thanks for your promise that one day there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Until that day,

we pray for your continued grace and goodness to overflow in this world so that humans can live alongside one another respectfully, allowing for mutual flourishing. Amen.

9. A prayer for the countries facing crisis

Lord Jesus, we offer a prayer for you to bring peace in all places. We pray for Compassion projects, for the local churches, their staff and volunteers. Please help those who are working in communities afflicted by crisis. Lord, we ask for peace in these nations and throughout the world. Please protect all those who are vulnerable to the effects of war and displacement from their homes. Please give those in authority the patience, humility, wisdom and endurance to persevere in bringing about positive solutions for their nations. Amen.

10. Prayers for a world that is free from poverty

Loving Heavenly Father, we pray for an end to poverty, trusting that all things are possible for you. Please help us examine our own hearts and actions, so that we would live with integrity towards others and bring about fairer societies. We see through our church partners, the transformational power of enabling people opportunities to overcome the barriers of poverty. Please bless the work of Compassion to be a means for seeing an end to poverty. We pray all these things in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Your prayers for the world are heard by our Loving Father in Heaven. If you would like more prayer updates, look on the Compassion International ***Prayer page****.*

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