

'THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.'

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JOHN 1:5

Since its beginning in 2011, the conflict in Syria has shattered a nation, bringing death, devastation and darkness of all kinds. But even in the darkest places, we know that God can shine the light of his love and hope.

Tearfund's partners are working tirelessly to help Syrian refugees who have fled to Jordan and Lebanon, as well as people in desperate need within Syria itself. We asked our partners from the region to share their prayers for the people they're serving. Please join them in their inspirational intercessions on the next page.

'ON HIM WE HAVE SET OUR HOPE THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO DELIVER US, AS YOU HELP US BY YOUR PRAYERS.'

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2 COR. 1:10-11





BRINGING LIGHT TO THE DARK PLACES

A prayer from our partner in Jordan providing preschool education and trauma care for Syrian children.

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind, you heal the crippled and you restore the dignity of the disenfranchised. Give us renewed vision and hope for the future and restore the dignity of our Syrian brothers and sisters.

We beg for mercy for the many children who have lost their fathers; for the many men who have been tortured, beaten and maimed; for the many women who have suffered from abuse; and for the many more who continue to live in fear and shame.

Where there is fighting and fear, please bring peace. Where there is hatred, please bring love and forgiveness. Where there is death and hopelessness, please bring the joy of your deliverance.

Lord, you are our only hope, our only Saviour.

AMEN.

SHINING LIGHT IN THE PRESENT

A prayer from our partner in Jordan delivering winter kits and trauma care to Syrian refugees.

Oh Lord of hosts,

We pray for the inner healing of Syrian refugees dwelling among us – asking you, Father, to meet their daily needs.

Strengthen our ministry and help us to be the 'repairers of broken walls', as Isaiah said.

Lord, let it be our hearts' desire to express your heart towards our Syrian brothers and sisters: providing food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, room for the stranger, clothing for the naked, and a visit for those sick and in prison.

AMEN.

SEEKING THE DAWN OF PEACE

A prayer from a Syrian pastor now living in Jordan.

Oh Lord our God, we come to you in faith, lifting our prayers to intercede for Syria and its suffering people.

Oh Lord, put an end to the fighting and guide those who seek peace and reconciliation.

Send your peace, comfort and healing to the suffering and wounded, and give security and shelter to the needy.

We trust that you hear and answer our prayers.

To you be all the glory forever.

AMEN.

PRAYING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

A prayer from our partner in Lebanon distributing monthly food and hygiene packs to Syrian refugees. They are also running their own literacy programme for Syrian children.

Heavenly Father, how wonderful you are and how delighted we are to be tiny pieces of your bigger plan. Through all the hard situations we are facing in the Middle East, we believe your hand is here working in the shadows.

Everything is destroyed, but we ask you to build it up again from the ashes.

We thank you for our literacy programme for Syrian refugee children, and that simple acts of love can help heal their hearts. We pray that they will become a firm foundation for Syria's future, shining like lighthouses and inviting people to stand in their warmth.

Please give us the strength to carry on with the task you've put before us. Fill us with your never-ending love so that we never grow tired of spilling it over.

AMEN.

Thank you for joining with us in prayer. Let's continue to pray until there's a lasting peace in Syria. Visit www.tearfund.ie for further information.