

"THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING IN IT, THE WORLD AND ITS INHABITANTS, BELONG TO THE LORD; FOR HE LAID ITS FOUNDATION ON THE SEAS AND ESTABLISHED IT ON THE RIVERS...LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU GATES! RISE UP, ANCIENT DOORS! THEN THE KING OF GLORY WILL COME IN. WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD, STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD, MIGHTY IN BATTLE." PSALM 24:1-2, 7-8

DAY 8

Today we need to pray against the ongoing refusal of the warring parties to honor their ceasefire agreements. The Yemeni people are well aware that words and documents do not transform hearts or produce peace as they have lived for years under failed promises and proclamations, so we must pray that they would break free from the generational bondage to lies and treachery. Even the most recent mutterings of peace spun quickly into violence and betrayal, revealing the unbreakable chains of division and deception that are suffocating any hope of peace for Yemen's future.

Pray for God to sovereignly direct the hearts and minds of all leadership in Yemen's War to honor their word and agreements established in the pursuit of peace. We must continue to pray for Yemen to become free of violent warfare. We must pray that the opposing parties in this conflict will no longer lie, deceive, manipulate and retaliate at the expense of innocent people. We need to pray for a vision of peace and prosperity among leaders. And let us pray that leaders would see how their honor is bound together with their pursuit of peace and their willingness to offer concessions rather than an exercise of military dominance.

Pray also for the younger generation of Yemenis to see that they have the power to break this demonic cycle of betrayal. Satan is the father of lies, but our God is truth and in him there is no shadow of turning. Pray for the church to manifest the character of God and to lead the next generation to lives of truth.

The earth is yours, O LORD, and all the inhabitants therein. Thank you for how you have worked to raise up some among international leaders who promote peace and justice in Yemen, for we know that this pursuit is a result of your work in the hearts of leaders and kings. You turn their hearts wherever you wish and work these things together for your good purposes.

We pray for all parties involved in Yemen's War. Keep them safe, Father. Protect them from the evil that lurks all around them, and especially from the evil that lurks within them that compels their minds and actions toward continued betrayal and violence. We ask that these men and women might understand the great honor that is reserved for those who walk in humility, for those who put others before themselves and for those who serve even their enemies. We pray that you would convict their hearts of the beauty of truth and faithfulness.

We ask boldly for this next generation of Yemeni people to become people of truth. Break the demonic spirit of deception and betrayal that is holding Yemen captive to decades of bitterness, war, hatred and violence. Use your people to shine light into this unimaginable dungeon of darkness where Satan's rule has been known. Break through, Lord Jesus, for you and you alone have dominion and authority and power in Yemen. Break through by your mighty power! Amen.

"WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE AND THE PEOPLES PLOT IN VAIN?...THE ONE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN LAUGHS; THE LORD RIDICULES THEM. THEN HE SPEAKS TO THEM IN HIS ANGER AND TERRIFIES THEM IN HIS WRATH. 'I HAVE INSTALLED MY KING ON ZION, MY HOLY MOUNTAIN.' I WILL DECLARE THE LORD'S DECREE. HE SAID TO ME, 'YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BECOME YOUR FATHER. ASK OF ME, AND I WILL MAKE THE NATIONS YOUR INHERITANCE AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH YOUR POSSESSION. YOU WILL BREAK THEM WITH AN IRON SCEPTER; YOU WILL SHATTER THEM LIKE POTTERY. SO NOW, KINGS, BE WISE; RECEIVE INSTRUCTION, YOU JUDGES OF THE EARTH. SERVE THE LORD WITH REVERENTIAL AWE AND REJOICE WITH TREMBLING. PAY HOMAGE TO THE SON OR HE WILL BE ANGRY AND YOU WILL PERISH IN YOUR REBELLION, FOR HIS ANGER MAY IGNITE AT ANY MOMENT. ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM ARE HAPPY.'" PSALM 2:1, 4-12

DAY 9

Today we continue to pray because the nation of Yemen continues to rage. Small steps of progress or small glimmers of hope often emerge, but the oppressive dominion of darkness finds power in the raging violence of the people. So as we pray, we must see their raging as what it is: a rebellion against the LORD and His anointed. All the raging, all the violence, all the devastation throughout Yemen finds its root in spiritual rebellion.

So pray today for the hearts of the rulers, the leaders, the tribal authorities, the kings, the judges, the military commanders and the people. Pray that they will see the vanity of their raging. Pray that they will hear, not the laughter of or scorn of those they are fighting, but that they would hear in their hearts and spirits the laughter of the LORD, the voice of the LORD, and the words of the LORD that all authority in heaven and on earth is his. Pray that they would see the fruitlessness of striving to grasp some sense of authority when it can never be obtained. Pray that these leaders and their followers would choose humility and would submit themselves to the one true King.

LORD God Almighty, and Jesus, our Savior, we pray in the Spirit for the rulers and authorities in Yemen, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. We raise these men to your throne and ask that you would break their hearts to humility and repentance. Start today by showing them the absolute emptiness of their raging and striving for power. Somehow make them see the emptiness of their vision of power, greatness and authority. Show them the truth. Open their eyes to the reality that their power is simply an illusion and that you alone have power and authority on the earth.

We pray that you would open their eyes to see that they are following their father, the devil, and not the one true God. So many of these we are praying for live in the delusion that they are serving God and walking in righteousness. Open their eyes to the truth. Heal them of this spiritual blindness. Make them to see their own wickedness and that the end of these things is death – that nothing but destruction and shame awaits them so long as they persist in their rebellion.

We ask also that you will send some who will proclaim the rule and authority of the Son to these who are raging against you. We know what we are asking – we are asking for you to raise up and send out laborers into the most dangerous part of this field, and that our prayers may lead to their persecution and death. But Jesus, we know that you are worthy to receive the worship of these kings and rulers, and that you love them. Send some of your children specifically to those who are raging against you so that they might hear your gospel and have the opportunity to repent and believe. May we all see your worthiness, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU. MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU. I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU AS THE WORLD GIVES. DON'T LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED OR FEARFUL."

JOHN 14:27

DAY 10

Today we pray for Yemeni believers that they would live in the peace that they have received from Christ. Ironically, these few, persecuted people have obtained by grace what the entire global community is pursuing desperately but can never achieve in Yemen: peace.

So let us pray that these who have peace would remember the blessing of peace they have in Christ. Pray that they would experience in the depths of their hearts and minds the joy and stability of the peace of Christ. Pray that they would live out the power of the peace they have in Christ, and in this manner, they would draw many to Christ because who He is and what He offers to the world is so much better.


Pray that the church in Yemen would remember and rejoice that what they have received - namely, peace with God through Christ - is so much better than anything they have lost. They have lost much and continue to lose all that the world holds dear, so we must pray for them to have faith to believe that what they have received is truly incorruptible and will not fade away. Pray that they would strive to remain in the peace of Christ rather than striving to pursue the peace of the world or recover the blessings of the world.

And finally, pray for them to speak peace to one another.

Father in heaven, we are so grateful that you are a God of peace. You have made peace with us through the blood of the cross. You have given us your peace so that we might all rest in comfort and joy no matter what happens around us. And so we pray today for our brothers and sisters in Yemen that they would remember the peace that you have given them.

We ask that your peace would fill them and wash over them in a new way today. Lord, we know that many may not have your word and may not have the opportunity to read and understand what you have given them, so we ask that you would speak to them by your Spirit so that they would know that the peace they are experiencing is a divine peace, a peace that comes through Christ alone.

We pray for your church that they would live out this precious, blood-bought peace so that all might see the great value and superiority of the peace of Christ. Make it known throughout Yemen and even beyond that the world's peace is fragile and temporary at its very best. And in contrast, Lord, raise up your people in Yemen to be the ones who will demonstrate to the people of Yemen and to all the spiritual forces of darkness, that the peace of Christ is eternal, it is powerful, it is transforming, and it is so much better. Jesus, be glorified in your people as they live in your glorious peace. Be glorified in Yemen today. And we ask that you would store up great treasures and glory in heaven for these precious brothers and sisters who are living faithfully in your name. Bless them with an abundance of your peace through your presence today. Amen.



"IF THEN THERE IS ANY ENCOURAGEMENT IN CHRIST, IF ANY CONSOLATION OF LOVE, IF ANY FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT, IF ANY AFFECTION AND MERCY, MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE BY THINKING THE SAME WAY, HAVING THE SAME LOVE, UNITED IN SPIRIT, INTENT ON ONE PURPOSE. DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY CONSIDER OTHERS AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELVES. EVERYONE SHOULD LOOK OUT NOT ONLY FOR HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO FOR THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. ADOPT THE SAME ATTITUDE AS THAT OF CHRIST JESUS..." PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

DAY 11

Today we need to pray for the humility and love of the brothers and sisters in Yemen. We rejoice that they have peace with God, who has also abolished the dividing wall of hostility between people, but we must pray that they would walk in the humility of Christ in order to experience and live out that unity and peace that has been purchased for them.

Pray that our Yemeni brothers and sisters would put to death their own selfish ambitions and conceit, and choose to think of others as more important than themselves. We need to pray that they would put to death any bitterness, hurt, anger, and past offenses that would prevent them from walking in the humility of Christ as the enemy is so deceptive and makes God's people believe they have a right to cling to these things.

Pray especially that this attitude of humility and service would begin with the leaders in the church. Pray that they would recognize the eternal value of living out the life and attitude of Christ in this manner.

Lord Jesus, you have lived this life of humility so that we might look to you and find comfort, encouragement and understanding of what it means to walk in humility. We ask that, by your Spirit who indwells each Yemeni believer, you would set yourself forth as an example for humility and love and that they would see your glory in your humility.

And we pray that they would remember their identity in you, the peace you purchased for them, and indwelling power they have by your Spirit, and they would choose to put aside their own rights, their own desires, their own needs, their own past hurts and bitterness, and that they would esteem their brothers and sisters and all those around them as more important than themselves. We know there is hurt and division and pain within the Yemeni community of believers, so help those who have been wounded in spirit or body to still have the strength to choose the attitude of Christ towards their offenders.

O Lord, we all struggle with this because the flesh is strong and the enemy is strong, but we know that you have overcome. We know that they also struggle with walking in humility before one another, and so we pray that you would give those who are struggling - and we know there are many - the encouragement and conviction they need today. We pray for the leaders in the Yemeni church especially that they would model the very heart and attitude of Christ for newer disciples and younger believers. We pray this so that your bride in Yemen might continue to grow up into the beauty and glory of holiness that is worthy of you, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

"BE GRACIOUS TO ME, GOD, ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITHFUL LOVE; ACCORDING TO YOUR ABUNDANT COMPASSION, BLOT OUT MY REBELLION. COMPLETELY WASH AWAY MY GUILT AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN. FOR I AM CONSCIOUS OF MY REBELLION, AND MY SIN IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME. AGAINST YOU - YOU ALONE - I HAVE SINNED AND DONE THIS EVIL IN YOUR SIGHT. SO YOU ARE RIGHT WHEN YOU PASS SENTENCE; YOU ARE BLAMELESS WHEN YOU JUDGE. INDEED, I WAS GUILTY WHEN I WAS BORN; I WAS SINFUL WHEN MY MOTHER CONCEIVED ME. SURELY YOU DESIRE INTEGRITY IN THE INNER SELF, AND YOU TEACH ME WISDOM DEEP WITHIN. PURIFY ME WITH HYSSOP AND I WILL BE CLEAN; WASH ME, AND I WILL BE WHITER THAN SNOW." PSALM 51:1-7

DAY 12

As we continue to read the news and hear reports of the ongoing violence and aggression from all sides within this conflict, we must stop and ask the Lord, "What do you want us to pray?" We know that our God is working. He is not idle nor is he apathetic toward the pain and suffering that is flooding the hearts and lives of Yemeni people during these days of war. But then we remember that these devastations and tragedies are simply symptoms of a deeper, more real, more eternal problem - the problem of sin.

Sin corrupts. Sin destroys. Sin causes people to walk around like the living dead as if emaciated, diseased, and repulsive to all that is clean and pure. Sin is utterly offensive to a holy God, separating us from him entirely.

And so let us pray today against sin within the Yemeni church. Let us pray that they would not just look at the outside world and consider all others or their enemies or the truly wicked as "sinners", but that they would recognize and repent in sorrow and brokenness of the sin in their own lives.

Jesus died not just to redeem his bride but that she also might stand before him pure and holy, lovely and adorned with his glorious robes of righteousness. Let us pray today for the holiness, the beauty, the righteousness of the church in Yemen. Let us pray that their hearts would long for the righteousness of Christ within them. Let us pray that they would hunger and thirst for righteousness so that they might be filled and satisfied in the depths of their souls. This is good. This is what God wants to see and to find in his church when he returns to receive them to himself. So let us pray for this.

Oh holy Father - the one who is set apart, the one who is like no other, the one whose righteousness shines bright as the sun - we are so humbled in your presence. What else could we be, Lord? We have no right. All our righteousness is nothing more than filthy rags compared with the beauty of your holiness. And yet you clothe us with your own righteousness, your own beauty, your own perfect works, your own armor and splendor.

Forgive us for despising your holiness and treating it with contempt when we choose our sin over your purity. Forgive our brothers and sisters in Yemen for we know they are guilty as we are, for none of us has been perfected or made complete.

We pray for conviction in their hearts where there is sin. We pray for eyes to see the weight and wretchedness of their own sin. Lord, we pray that they would despise their sin and cast it off violently so that none would remain in their hearts or lives. We pray that those who engage in and tolerate sin would be rebuked, confronted, and disciplined by your Holy Spirit so that they would repent before your holy throne in brokenness and with a longing to be filled with nothing but your righteousness.

Oh Lord, may they all hunger and thirst for nothing more than your righteousness through your very presence indwelling and overflowing out of them. We ask that you would reveal the beauty and satisfaction of holiness so that they would pursue it, pray for it, walk in it, and cultivate it in their lives and in their communities of faith. Help them see that everything in this life will burn away, but the robes of righteousness will remain for eternity. Teach them to cherish this glorious gift of your very own holiness you have given them. What a joy! What a blessing, Father! No matter what else is taken away from them, may they know and rejoice in and live out with fear and trembling the great salvation that you have worked and are working within them even now. May they be a beautiful bride who is arrayed in splendor and worthy of her bridegroom. For your glory and because of your great love, we pray these things. Amen.



"BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED,
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AS GOD IN CHRIST
FORGAVE YOU." EPHESIANS 4:32

DAY 13

Let us pray today for forgiveness to abound within the Yemeni church. As we have meditated on the great offense and horrors of sin, now we can pray with great joy because of the forgiveness of God who washes each of us white as snow. So let us thank God for the forgiveness he has offered to the Yemeni church.

And then let us pray for those within the Yemeni community of faith to forgive one another JUST AS God has forgiven them - regardless of the depth of the offense, regardless of the pain that was caused, regardless of the lasting consequences that may have been suffered as a result. Let us pray that they would choose forgiveness, divine forgiveness, as the path to walk.

Pray that they would look today to the cross of Christ, and there find the strength necessary to forgive those who have sinned against them.

Almighty King, we cannot possibly fathom the depths of our own sin or the magnitude of your forgiveness toward us, but we see as in a mirror dimly, not knowing or understanding what has truly transpired in the spiritual realm on our behalf. But we believe by faith and want to walk in that same, divine forgiveness toward one another. Help us, Lord. If we have sinned, may we seek forgiveness. If we have been sinned against, may we offer forgiveness freely and with joy. And Lord, we know that we have sinned and we have suffered the effects of sin, so yes, of course we need help from your Spirit!

And we pray this also for our brothers and sisters and in Yemen because they have endured such great consequences from sin. Help them to forgive. Remind them of the greatness of your forgiveness. May they know that they themselves are the servant who has been forgiven 10,000 talents and so the forgiveness you are asking them to extend is small in comparison. Help them to see. Convict their hearts today and reveal again and afresh the sweetness of the bloody cross of Christ.

Lord, we pray that they would just look to Jesus today so that the glory of your gospel of forgiveness can be known in a country and people who only know works and guilt and shame. We love you, God Almighty. Amen.

"FOR IF JOSHUA HAD GIVEN THEM REST, GOD WOULD NOT HAVE SPOKEN LATER ABOUT ANOTHER DAY. THEREFORE, A SABBATH REST REMAINS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE. FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS ENTERED HIS REST HAS RESTED FROM HIS OWN WORKS, JUST AS GOD DID FROM HIS. LET US THEN MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENTER THAT REST, SO THAT NO ONE WILL FALL INTO THE SAME PATTERN OF DISOBEDIENCE."
HEBREWS 4:8-11

DAY 14

Pray today for rest. We have been praying much this year that it would be a year of jubilee for Yemen, a year of restoration, a year of peace, a year of rest from the war and sufferings they have endured. Though we know that true rest will never be known on this earth, let us pray that the people of God would experience the rest of God here on earth in a way they never had before. And pray that they would be filled with hope because of the final rest that is to come.

Pray for the nation and the people that God would give them rest from the war and rest from the constant struggles and striving and chaos that has abounded for years. Rest is of God, so let us pray that they would know it can only come from him. Pray that God would use their longing for rest to draw the people to himself.

Gracious Lord, we thank you that you are a God of rest, that you ordained rest as a blessing and that you commanded it to your people for our good and your glory. We know that as we pray for rest for the Yemeni people, we are praying in accordance with your will. Answer us today, Lord. Though we are not present with them and can offer them no physical instruments of rest, we pray that you would give rest to those who need it.

We pray for the believers that today would be a day of spiritual and physical rest. We ask that you would just let peace flood their souls. For those who are in the midst of persecution or trials or in prison, give them a special gift of your supernatural rest today. We pray that they would set their hope fully on you and the rest that is to come.

Lord, give the country of Yemen rest just for one day. Just for one day, Father. They endure so much. Change the hearts of the leaders so that they would long for rest instead of power and conquest. You alone can do this. You alone can change the hearts of man and settle the raging nations. Oh Father, we have been crying out to you on their behalf for years now, please hear and answer us, Lord. We trust you in all things. Amen.