

Prayer Diary: Sudan

29 May - 4 June 2022



A government that systematically oppressed its citizens, responded to peaceful protestors with armed force, and interfered with the affairs of churches and other religious groups. A place where church leaders were arrested and places of worship demolished. That was the story for the Sudanese people, as the country endured decades of Islamist military rule under the leadership of former President Omar al Bashir.

The al Bashir regime was overthrown in 2019 following nationwide protests, and for a couple of years there was hope for change. We celebrated signs of progress, such as the abolition of the crime of apostasy (leaving another religion – in this case, Islam) and some positive steps taken by the civilian-led transitional government to reform laws and policies enacted by al Bashir.

But last October the military took over in a coup, and a deeply uncertain future lies ahead. Repression that was commonplace during the al Bashir era is returning. We're especially concerned for Sudan's citizens of all faiths and none, who have faced discrimination, harassment and violence.

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Every day this week, pray the following scriptures over Sudan:

But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Amos 5:24

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face towards you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26