

Prayer Diary: Sudan

27 October-2 November 2024



‘Sudanese people have endured much pain. Their suffering must stop, and their human rights must be protected. This cannot be done without ending the fighting.’

In September, the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for Sudan published a report which concluded that war crimes and crimes against humanity have been committed in Sudan since the conflict began in April 2023.

Our Sudan team said that it was the strongest report on human rights in the country that they had seen in a decade. Our prayer now is that the international community heeds its calls.

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Sunday 27 October

Give thanks for the work of the fact-finding mission, which produced an invaluable report despite being understaffed and not fully operational during its reporting period. Praise God for the renewal of its mandate and pray that it would be sufficiently staffed and resourced going forward.

Monday 28 October

Pray that justice would be served swiftly in relation to the findings of the report, and that those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity would be held accountable.

Tuesday 29 October

The fact-finding mission reported that both warring parties – the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and Sudanese Armed forces (SAF) – are responsible for widespread conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV). Pray for the urgent protection of women and girls in Sudan. Pray that those who have experienced these horrific crimes would know God’s healing and peace.

Wednesday 30 October

‘I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.’ (Psalm 140:12). We trust in God’s justice today. Pray that those who feel their plight is forgotten would be reminded and reassured that the Lord upholds their cause.

Thursday 31 October

In July this year, the International Organization for Migration reported that over 10 million Sudanese (20% of the population) had been displaced from their homes since the war began. Pray that all who have fled would find shelter and refuge.

Friday 1 November

Continue to pray for a comprehensive and unconditional ceasefire that enables the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance. A ceasefire that ultimately allows Sudan to begin a peaceful, democratic and inclusive transition that centres the voices of youth, women and historically marginalised communities.

Saturday 2 November

Lord God, thank you for the collective efforts to bring peace, justice and accountability to Sudan. We believe this is your heart for the nation, and ask that we see effective and lasting transformation soon. Amen.