

# A Prayer for South Sudan

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Lord Jesus, you said to us,  
'I leave you peace. My peace I give you.'

Almighty God, we thank you for the new nation  
of the Republic of South Sudan.

We pray for its political leaders that they will be  
united and serve the people with all diligence  
and put the nation first. Give them your wisdom  
as they lead the people of South Sudan.

We pray that religious leaders will guide and  
speak a prophetic message of hope, peace and  
reconciliation to the new nation of South Sudan.

Purge the new nation of all corrupt practices and  
instill to the people and leaders a fear of God and  
the culture of hard work.

We pray for those who have taken up arms that  
they will agree to peace and resolve all  
grievances through peaceful means.

We pray that South Sudan will have peace with  
all its neighbours.

We pray this through Jesus our Lord.

Amen

## Lamentations 3: 19-26

I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
the bitterness and the gall.  
I well remember them,  
and my soul is downcast within me.  
Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we  
are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
I say to myself, "The Lord is my  
portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."

The Lord is good to those whose  
hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;  
it is good to wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.