Afghan Prayer Guide, August 2021

Afghanistan today: On one hand, suffering and sadness beyond measure. On the other, a God who measures the Heavens with his fingers and the Earth on a balance. (Is. 40.12) Let’s bring those hands together in prayer for Afghanistan this week.

Monday: The Vulnerable
Ask God to help and comfort all for whom the rug has been ripped out from under them by the Taliban takeover. Women, children, the disabled, girls, friends of former regimes, helpers of various militaries, and normal, half-hearted Muslims just trying to feed their families.

Tuesday: The Taliban
As they lead Afghanistan, ask God to give them wisdom to govern civilly. Ask him to hold back their arm of violence that Afghans may “live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (I Tim. 2.2) Pray for radical transformation.

Wednesday: The Afghan Church
Can we even begin to imagine what it’s like for Afghans who follow Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill them with peace, power and wisdom to navigate these days. Some will leave. Some will stay. Some will die. May God use their faith in trial to spark a great turning to Jesus.

Thursday: Refugees
Upwards of 70,000 Afghans will seek asylum based on their service to the U.S. military. God alone knows how many more will simply run for their lives. Pray for safe passage. Pray for neighboring countries as they receive newcomers. Pray for our hearts, homes and wallets to be open to help Afghans find new lives in the U.S.

Friday: The Kingdom of God
Imagine what the fullness of the Kingdom of God in Afghanistan would look like and ask God for what you see. Pray in line with Jesus’s prayer, “Our Father. . . let your kingdom come and let your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.” (Mt. 6.9-10) Peace, security, joy, hope, freedom from fear, corruption, oppression. The abundant life of Jesus. Yes, Father, let your kingdom come, your will be done in Afghanistan.

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