

Inspiration for prayers in solidarity with the people of South Sudan:

*For His anger is but for a moment,
His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy comes in the morning. (Psalm 30:5 NKJV)*

Prayer for peace in South Sudan

God, our Father of love and mercy,

today we remember our brothers and sisters in South Sudan.

All hopes for a life in dignity in an independent new state seem to vanish.

With grief we bring before you our pain, that instead of peace and reconciliation so much atrocities, hate and violence overshadows the entire country.

As it is your will that all people should live in harmony, peace and unity we ask you to grant the nation of South Sudan, that the spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation may overcome the evil spirits of war and self-interests.

Grant all who have power in state and society your divine wisdom to promote respect, justice and true reconciliation, so that the people of South Sudan will enjoy life in abundance. Remove all obstacles hindering that your will be done. Strengthen all of us, the people of South Sudan and the entire ecumenical family not to lose hope but to become your instrument of peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

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God the Father of love and mercy,

you created our people from every clan, tribe & nationality.

It is your will that all our people should live in harmony, peace & unity,
because we are all brothers and sisters.

We ask forgiveness for the times we failed to live together in peace.

Heal our offences and help us to reconcile with one another.

Grant to our leaders your divine wisdom

and help us all to promote respect, justice and true reconciliation,

so that the people of South Sudan may live in unity and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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