



Christian Aid's prayers for Pakistan

Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal in response to the devastating floods in Pakistan. Please use our prayers to remember all those who are affected.

I called on your name, O Lord,
from the depths of the pit;
you heard my plea 'Do not close your ear to my cry for help, but give me relief!
You came near when I called on you;
you said 'do not fear!'
(Lamentations 3, 55-56)

A prayer for deliverance

As the monsoon rains fall relentlessly from the skies
as rivers burst their banks, bridges are swept away
and dams crumble,
as flash floods sweep down carrying destruction over innumerable miles,
there is water everywhere,
and none of it is clean.

**All-compassionate God
deliver the people of Pakistan**

From thirst that can find only filthy water to drink
from waterborne and skin diseases
from the drowning of people and animals

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From hunger facing food shortages and drastic price rises
from homes destroyed and livelihoods devastated
from families torn apart and loved ones lost

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From insecurity and exposure
from sickness and malnutrition
from fear of what tomorrow may bring
and what it may not bring

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A prayer of concern

Our brother Jesus,
in the motherless child, the distraught mother,
the bereft widow, the weeping father,

you saw your own child, sister, mother, brother,
regardless of race, creed or country.
Still you call us to see with your eyes,
to act with your will,
to love with your love.

**God in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

We remember everyone who, in these last days
has found themselves homeless or uprooted,
whose land is devastated
and those who have lost everything.
They are so many.
In the face of such immense tragedy,
we pray for an immense humanitarian response,
beginning with us.
Let us not offer to God offerings that cost us nothing.

**God in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

Preserve all who are working to bring rescue and relief
and sustain us in a living hope
not in our own strength but in your power to love
and to bring change to hopeless places.

**God in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

Christ, draw near to them,
ordinary people, trembling and most wretched,
rowing through the infinite storm of this age;
and bring them safely
to the most beautiful haven of life.

(Based on words attributed to St Columba)

A prayer of petition

Compassionate God, source of all comfort,
We pray for the people of Pakistan whose lives have devastated by rain and flood.
Bring them comfort, we pray.
Protect the vulnerable.
Strengthen the weak.
Keep at bay the ravages of disease.
Have mercy on all those working to rescue the stranded and to feed the hungry.
And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise.

For we ask it in Jesus Name, Amen.

You can donate online to Christian Aid's Pakistan floods appeal at
www.christianaid.org.uk/floods