

A Prayer for the Children of Darfur

(Isaiah 40:3)

Their nightmares are real:

Tell them they have suffered enough ...

Clear a way in the desert for our God!

Living God, we lift to you the children of Darfur whose dreams are filled with violence, and whose young lives are filled with anguish, and hunger and thirst.

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Caring God, we lift to you a generation whose childhood has been stolen and whose opportunities for schooling have been traded for lethal weapons.

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Hurting God, we lift to you the thousands of physically wounded and mentally damaged children who have suffered through five long years of conflict.

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Grieving God, in our hearts we cry out for every dehydrated and sick baby who has been prematurely dug into the dust of the Darfur earth.

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Parent God, we pray for the thousands of suffering mothers and fathers, whose hope has evaporated together with their tears, under the unremitting desert sun and through the deathly chill of endless nights.

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Together we cry out for them all:

Living God, bring justice in Darfur.

Heal the dreams of your damaged children. Restore their future.

Bring healing. Bring Peace.

Amen