

# **PRAYING FOR CHILDREN AT RISK IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

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Across the Middle East, millions of children are facing escalating crises.

Right now, millions of children are exposed to life-threatening risks from conflict, displacement, disease and climate shocks.

And behind every number is a child, facing uncertainty, displacement and fear.

At times, this can feel overwhelming. We do not always know what to do or what to say. But we come to a God who does. A God who sees every face and knows every name, and who listens and responds to our prayers with the love of our father and the power of our creator.

After each section, we will pause so you can bring your own prayers to God.

## **Let us pray for protection and peace**

Lord, we lift up children and families living in conflict areas. We ask for your protection over them and that they would be kept safe from violence and harm.

We pray for peace in the region. We ask that fighting would cease and stability would be restored.

We especially lift up children vulnerable to exploitation, abuse and child labour.

*[Pause]*

## **Let us pray for provision amidst urgent need**

Father, we pray for provision for the millions lacking food, clean water and medical care.

We lift up children facing malnutrition and ask that they would receive the nourishment they need.

We ask that you would open supply routes and multiply resources where they are needed most.

*[Pause]*

## **Let us pray for emotional healing and hope**

Father God, we bring before you children experiencing trauma, fear and loss. Would they find comfort, healing and hope.

We lift up parents and caregivers under immense pressure. Strengthen and sustain them.

We pray for safe spaces where children can begin to recover emotionally.

*[Pause]*

## **Let us pray for the response effort**

Lord, we thank you that even in crisis, you are at work.

We pray for teams providing food, care and support, that their work would reach further and faster.

We ask for strength, protection and resilience for all those responding.

*[Pause]*

## **Closing**

Lord, thank you that you see every child.

Thank you that nothing is hidden from you.

As we leave this moment of prayer, help us not to forget what we've brought before you today.

Lead us in how we respond, with compassion, with generosity, and with faith.

We place these children, their families, and the whole region into your hands.

Amen.