

Prayer for Protests in Iran

Because we are called to Romans 12:15 - "weep with those who weep." Romans 12:15,

And we worship a God of miracles "I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?" (Psalm 77:14)

Let us pray for the people in Iran.

Below is a collection of prayers written by others, as well as suggestions for your own personal prayers.

Prayer from "The prayer book of early Christians"

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"Lord Jesus Christ, our God who is full of mercy and compassion and love for every race, when you were faced with the dark hostility of men, your heart was filled with grief and overcome with suffering in the garden of gethsemane. Look down now upon the people of Iran who are struggling with the griefs and sorrows of oppression, who are cast down and filled with anxiety because of so much injustice. Give them your own peace, your own courage. Help them know that you are beside them as their comfort and strength. Stretch out your right hand to lift them up and save them in both body and soul; for you are a good and most loving God, and to you we ascribe all glory. Amen"

Prayers from "Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the battle" by Ted Lode

Give Me Ears to Hear

Lord,
I believe
 my life is touched by you,
 that you want something for me,
 and of me.

Give me ears
 To hear you,
Eyes
 To see the tracing of your finger,
And a heart
 Quicked by the motions
 of your Spirit

I Remember Now in Silence

Lord,
Plunge me deep into a sense of sadness
At the pain of my sisters and brothers
 Inflicted by war,
 Prejudice,
 Injustice,
 Indifference,
That I may learn again to cry as a child
Until my tears baptize me
Into a person who touches with care
Those I now touch in prayer:
 Victims of violence,
 Of greed,
 Of addictions;
Prisoners in ghettos,
 In old age,
 In sexism;
People with broken bodies,
 With broken hearts,
 With broken lives,
Whom I remember now in silence before you
Because I have too often forgotten them
In the shuffle of my fretful busy-ness.

In your own prayers, you may wish to include prayer for:

- For the unjust death of Mahsa Imani, Lord have mercy
- For people protesting on the streets in more than 40 cities of Iran right now
- For the women of Iran who do not have a voice
- For the dozens of people killed in the protests
- For the grief, guilt, and pain of being far away and unable to connect with family and friends
- For the silence of leadership and the oppression experienced
- For the students and people living and working outside of Iran who feel frozen and alone during this time
- For those in Iran who are fearing harm
- For courage for those in these protests and for the people posting online and in social media
- For the women of Iran who know this could have been their story and wonder why their life was spared
- For the trauma this brings up of past experiences
- For justice and mercy and freedom
- For those wounded and killed in the protesting
- For God to make heal what is broken and to work in this situation