



**JUSTICE.  
COMPASSION.  
ACTION.**

**Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help  
the oppressed. Defend the cause of  
orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.**

*Isaiah 1:17*



EARLIER IN 2021, WE SAW THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN REACH CRISIS POINT WHEN THE TALIBAN TOOK POWER AND EVERYDAY PEOPLE BEGAN FLEEING THEIR COUNTRY. WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR AFGHAN PEOPLE, ASKING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO INSPIRE OUR PRAYERS. SOME PRAYERS THAT HAVE HELPED INFLUENCE AND STIR US...

### PRAYER POINTS

1. **Christians:** Pray for the believers in Afghanistan. They are walking on eggshells and uncertain who to trust. Pray the Lord strengthens them, directs them and gives them supernatural peace in God's promises.

2. **The Gospel:** Pray that the gospel would spread in this region. We are hearing reports of people having divine encounters which point to Jesus. Pray that God would reveal His love for people in this country and draw them into a loving relationship with Himself.

3. **The Taliban:** Jesus said to pray for your enemies. Pray that God would holdback wrongdoing and extend the same gift of grace - the gospel - to the Taliban that He's given us.

4. **The Displaced:** A new wave of refugees are expected to come from Afghanistan. Many will attempt the treacherous journey through desert and over mountain ranges this winter. Pray for God's protection and provision for their journeys.

5. **Sickness:** Covid cases are spiking and the healthcare system is very limited in what it can do. Jesus healed everywhere he went, so we also pray for healing for everyone in Afghanistan.

6. **Women:** Many women are expecting the Taliban to strip them of their rights. Many who've fought for women's rights and education are fearful of reprisals. Pray for protection over those who find themselves vulnerable.

WE KNOW FROM THE BIBLE THAT GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO LOVINGLY TREAT REFUGEES AS EQUALS. THE VINEYARD HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE REFUGEE COUNCIL AND HERTS WELCOMES REFUGEES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, TO HELP REFUGEES SETTLE AND INTEGRATE INTO LOCAL HERTFORDSHIRE. SOME PRACTICAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP TODAY...



### ACTIVE ACTIONS

1. **HOUSING:** Are you or do you know a philanthropic landlord? Are you in a position to respond to the call radical hospitality? Find out more at Herts Welcomes Refugees [www.hwsf.org.uk](http://www.hwsf.org.uk)

2. **TEACHING ENGLISH:** Herts Welcomes Refugees are looking for TESOL teachers (near Borehamwood) available during the day to hold language classes. They are also looking for free venues to host this.

3. **CONTINUED PRAYER:** Join the 'Prayer for Afghanistan' group every Monday 8.30pm over zoom. Zoom ID: 88930702411 Password: prayers

4. **DONATE TO TEARFUND:** Tearfund have been working on the ground in Afghanistan for the last 50 years. You can support the valuable work they do through donating to us at the Vineyard Church St Albans and clearly marking your donation as **TEARFUND.**