

THE MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN



Prayer for Darfur



Verse 104 in Surah Ale-Imran of the Holy Qur'an says that:

"And let there arise from amongst you, a nation which invites to goodness, enjoins what is right and forbids what is evil. Such are they who are successful." (3:104)

O' God! Let us here today be the people that invite to goodness, enjoin right, and forbid evil. O' God! In you is the best consolation against any calamity, in you is substitute for every loss, and replacement for anything sorely missed. O' God! we trust in You, seek Your aid, and are hopeful of Your mercy. O' God! All Knowing, All Seeing, All Hearing, we ask you to comfort the hearts and minds of the people of Darfur, to give them patience, strength and solace. To give them hope, faith and light. O' God! We ask you to alleviate the oppression and end the atrocity. We ask that the killing stops, the bloodshed ends, that women and children are safe and healthy and happy. O' God! Protect the people, and protect their helpers. Give the people of Darfur back their homes, their families, their communities, their humanity, and their hope and dreams for the future. O' God! Put an end to the violence, the horror, the rape, the starvation, disease and mass slaughter of innocent victims. O' God! we ask that the international community wakes up in the face of crisis and acts quickly, and that a humanitarian crisis is not permitted. O' God! We ask that further genocide is prevented and that the world does not stand by and witness another holocaust, another Rwanda, or another Bosnia. O' God! We ask you to give our leaders wisdom, and the ability to use their power for good and not evil. O' God! Forgive our selfishness, and enable us to feel Darfur's pain, and enable us to (believe that we can) make a difference, and stand united and strong in the face of adversity. O' God! Give us greater understanding, greater empathy, and the power to remember. O' God! Purify our hearts and souls, banish racism and pride from our being.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "Help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or he is oppressed." People asked, "...It is right to help him if he is oppressed, but how should we help him if he is an oppressor?" The Prophet said, "By preventing him from oppressing others."

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