

Prayer in These Days of Terrorism

O Lord, our God, in great distress we call upon You, for You alone are our refuge and help.

We and our nation have sinned. We have been self-indulgent, seeking material wealth above all else. We have flouted Your commandments and even opened the doors to blasphemy. Now You have answered with the scourge of terrorism, which is threatening to ruin this and other countries. We call upon You in this time of fear and peril. Save us from our enemies. Let our supplications come before You. Mercifully hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus' outpoured blood.

We entreat You to prevent the terrorists from coming into power in our country.

*Lord, have mercy,
for You alone are our Helper,
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Lord Jesus Christ, our mighty Victor, we plead with You to destroy their plans according to the scripture, "Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing." Frustrate the plans of the terrorists.

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We pray that further attempts at hostage-taking and assassination will not succeed. Cover potential targets with Your blood and protect them from all attacks.

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Frustrate the schemes of the terrorists by creating disunity and confusion among them.

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Graciously avert further assaults. Let bombs and other explosives be discovered in time and safely defused.

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Prevent the theft of weapons, bank robberies, extortion and anything else that would assist or finance acts of violence planned by terrorists.

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Prevent the infiltration of key positions by informers. May attempts to hinder the terrorists not fail owing to corruption.

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Protect all those involved in the search for terrorists. Guide them in their decisions.

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Help judges and all those appointed to uphold justice, so that in spite of their personal danger they will be true to the fundamental principles of law and justice.

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May at least some of Your enemies, Lord Jesus, be delivered from the power of Satan. We pray that You would turn many a "Saul" into a "Paul".

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We pray that these critical times will serve to bring about a wholesome shock among Christians and in our nation, rousing us from all apathy and false security. Convict us ever anew of our sin, especially our rebelliousness, defiance, bitterness and hatred, by which we have contributed towards the advance of terrorism. Make us truly repentant, so that our prayers will come from the depths of a humbled heart and be effective.

Grant that Christians everywhere will be moved to pray and that many prayer groups will be formed, so that You can send help and prevent anarchy in this country.

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Amen.

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