



Prayer Guide for DR Congo

Leaders
guide

This guide is designed to help you lead your congregation in prayer for the people of Goma and DR Congo. It is intended for use alongside the PowerPoint presentation titled Let's Pray for Goma, which includes a slide displaying four key prayer points and subsequent slides with a liturgy for peace.

Introduction

In Goma, DR Congo, escalating violence has caused immense suffering. Rebel forces have displaced thousands, tearing apart communities and placing huge strain on churches, schools, and hospitals. As a church, we are called to stand in prayer with our brothers and sisters in DR Congo, asking God for peace, healing, and hope.

Encourage your congregation to engage in different forms of prayer as they feel led. You may wish to incorporate creative prayer activities (detailed in the accompanying Creative Prayer for DR Congo resource) or perhaps take an offering as part of your response.

Guided Prayer Points

(Display the Let's Pray for Goma slide as you lead these prayers)

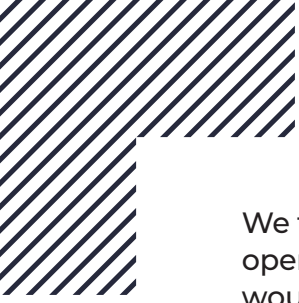
▶ For pastors as they shoulder much of the burden of caring for their communities

Lord, we lift to you church pastors in Goma, who are shouldering much of the burden of caring for their communities. We ask that you give them peace, encouragement, and strength in abundance as they open their homes and hearts to even more people than usual. Give them space and time to rest.

▶ For the healing of deep wounds, for children to learn to play again

We commit to you the many who are traumatised because of what they have seen and heard, those who live in such fear that they can't sleep at night.

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We thank you that you are working in people's lives, giving comfort as people open up about their pain and lay bare their trauma. We ask you to heal deep wounds so that adults can learn to smile again and children learn to play once more.

➤ **For sharing Jesus in new places and for new churches being planted**

Praise your name, Jesus, that with fighting having paused in Goma, some areas el than they have been in several years. We thank you, Lord, that some people in remote areas have heard the gospel for the first time. We pray for your blessing on communities where new churches are being planted, and ask that you raise up local leaders to make more disciples at the edges.

➤ **For good to overcome evil, and for peace to come to Goma and DR Congo**

We thank you, Lord, for the peacemaking happening in Goma and across DR Congo. Thank you that you are bringing peace within people's hearts, between individuals, among tribes. We pray for peacemakers to be raised up in communities big and small across the country, for good to overcome evil. We ask for your peace for DR Congo: not just a lack of conflict but a true, lasting peace that allows people to feel safe and know joy and hope for the future.

Incorporating Creative Prayer

Consider incorporating creative prayer ideas from the Creative Prayer for DR Congo resource. Ideas include:

- **Prayer tree or bunting** – Congregants can write prayers on ribbons or sticky notes and add them to a designated space.
- **Paper chain prayers** – Children can write or draw prayer requests on paper strips, forming a chain symbolising unity in prayer.
- **Prayer walk** – If your church grounds allow, a short walk can be used as a meditative time for intercession.

Offering as a Moment of Prayer

You may wish to take an offering as part of your prayer time, using it as a moment of silent reflection. Invite the congregation to remain in silent prayer as the offering is collected, asking God to bless the gifts given and to use them to bring peace, healing, and hope to DR Congo.

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Liturgy for Peace in DR Congo

(Display the slides containing the liturgy and lead the congregation in prayer)

From Martin Gordon, CMS mission partner and Bishop of Goma:

Jesus calls us to be agents of peace in the world.
Through Jesus, we are to heal what is broken,
to restore what is lost, and to reconcile those who are divided.

Standing alongside our brothers and sisters across the world,
we pray for peace.

In our hearts, minds and souls,
Give peace in our time, O Lord.

In our homes, families and communities,
Give peace in our time, O Lord.

In our nation, and in all nations of the world,
Give peace in our time, O Lord.

In all areas of war, violence and conflict,
Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Where there is hatred, division and discord,
Give peace in our time, O Lord.

We pray especially for Goma and for the whole of DR Congo,
For peace and for peacemakers,
For healing and reconciliation,
For the strength not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good,
And for all those who seek to walk in the path of peace,
Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Jesus be with us. Jesus unite us. Jesus forgive us,
And guide our feet in the way of peace. Amen.**

*(Adapted from the Liturgy for Peace by the
Global Centre for Peacebuilding and Business)*

Thank You for Praying

Your prayers and generosity are a powerful way to stand in solidarity with the people of DR Congo. Thank you for being part of God's mission to bring peace and hope. If your church shares your prayer activities or reflections on social media, don't forget to tag CMS so we can pray alongside you.



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**With Jesus
With each other
To the edges**