

# Prayer for South Sudan Commemorating Independence Day July 9



## Pope Francis' call to prayer:

“The South Sudanese people have suffered too much in recent years and await with great hope a better future, especially the definitive end of conflicts and lasting peace.” God of peace hear our prayer.



In this time of global pandemic, we remember all those who have been touched by its hand of death and sickness. Let it also remind us of our common humanity as one family of God. We are one.

Aware of oneness,  
My heart entwines  
With faces etched  
with worry lines



Struggling to find hope  
In South Sudan,  
Seeking to understand  
God's unfolding plan.

Where my heart is  
meant to be,  
growing with people  
Sharing life with me.

*Excerpt from poem  
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Solidarity with South Sudan*



## God of Justice

We sing out to you O Lord, our hope and aspirations. Our souls yearn for you. Our hearts long for your justice. Let us be one.

Merciful God grant the leaders of South Sudan empathy of heart that opens their minds to reconciliation, to generosity of spirit and to caring wisdom. Let us be one.

## God of Solidarity

Remembering the prayer of Jesus before his death, let us be one.

Open the hearts of all people that we might more readily follow the example of Jesus in becoming brothers and sisters to one another. Let us minister to one another soothing the pains of trauma, challenging the temptations of revenge, sharing the desires for health and accompanying the drive for knowledge. Let us be one.



## God of Reconciliation

God of mercies, you have reconciled the world to yourself. Let us be one.

Grant us all the humbleness of heart to recognize our failings and how our actions have hurt so many. Let us be truth tellers to ourselves and others professing our need for forgiveness and let us be quick to both give and receive that forgiveness. Let us be one.