

'The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.'

Psalm 34:18

Lebanon

- On Tuesday, Beirut was hit by a powerful explosion on its docklands, in which at least 135 people were killed and thousands more were injured. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, and for the city's emergency services as they continue battling to save lives.
- 85% of Lebanon's grain was destroyed in the explosion, leaving its people at high risk of food insecurity and hunger. We pray for the provision for poor and marginalised communities, who now face a future even more uncertain than before.
- Before the explosion, the country was already suffering from a stark political and economic crisis, as well as from the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. We pray for Lebanon's political leaders as they make difficult decisions in the weeks to come.
- Christian Aid have been on the ground in Lebanon for over 30 years, and we work directly with three partner organisations in Beirut. We pray for the safety and wellbeing of our local staff as they begin responding to this devastation, and we pray that in the despair that lies amidst the rubble of the explosion, there will be glimmers of hope and life.



Nicaragua

- Pray for those living in poverty in the countryside of Nicaragua who are exposed to COVID-19, so that their families and communities keep protected and safe.
- Pray for the churches in Nicaragua which are suffering attacks, so that their prophetic voice continues denouncing the injustice and violence against those living in poverty.
- Pray for the small farmers in Nicaragua, that their crops of corn and beans be plentiful, and they can secure food for their families and communities.

Prayer for Lebanon

God, our refuge in times of trouble
We pray for our brothers and sisters in Beirut today.

Lord, be with the emergency services as they battle to help
the thousands injured.

Lord, hold those who have lost loved ones in the palm of
your hand.

Lord, we pray your provision for poor and marginalised
communities who face an even more uncertain future.

Lord, we pray for wisdom for leaders as they make difficult
decisions.

Lord, open our hearts - may they be full of compassion for
the suffering we see.

Stir us to action.

In the tragedy of loss,
We pray your comfort.

In the chaos and injury,
We pray your calm and divine healing.

In the devastation and the heartbreak,
We pray your peace.

We pray that in the despair that lies amid the rubble of the
explosion

There will be glimmers of hope and life.

Amen.