

Prayers for Bangladesh

A Prayer for Bangladesh 12 July 2010

God of compassion, in a one-room concrete dwelling in an overcrowded neighborhood of Dhaka, Bangladesh, a mother and father, Salma and Bashir, grieve for their 7-year-old daughter, Ferdosi, who has just died of heart failure. This young girl, once an energetic first-grader, spent the last year of her life struggling to breathe and with barely enough energy to walk across the room. Lord, comfort her parents, who, though materially impoverished, surrounded their daughter with great love. Receive Ferdosi into your arms and show her that you were always with her and will be forever. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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A Prayer for Bangladesh 19 July 2010

God of mercy, who forgets not the poor and oppressed, we pray for Nupur, a 14-year-old tenth-grader who lives with her family of six in a one-room slum dwelling on the south side of Dhaka, Bangladesh. She dreams of attending college. Her father, an unemployed drug addict, beats her mother to demand the \$2 a day she earns unloading sand from boats on the Buriganga River. Lord, with your mighty hand break the bonds of poverty and oppression that grip Nupur's family, ease the pain she has felt watching her mother be beaten, and help her realize her dream of higher education. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us that in faith all things are possible. Amen.

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A Prayer for Bangladesh 26 July 2010

Almighty God, we pray for our sister in Christ, Shephalika Biswas, who has been under treatment for breast cancer for several years. From the blood transfusions she has received in the course of her treatment, she has contracted hepatitis C, and she is suffering from its effects on her liver. Lord, have mercy upon this faithful servant of your church, and upon the nearly 4 million people in Bangladesh who have been infected by the hepatitis C virus from an unsafe blood supply, unhygienic medical procedures, and other sources. Anoint them with your compassion and help them cope with this potentially fatal disease, for which very few in Bangladesh have access to definitive treatment. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

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A Prayer for Bangladesh 2 August 2010

God of grace, we give you thanks for your protection and care of our sister in Christ, Poly Biswas, who six months ago had an intestinal bleed that threatened her life and the life of her unborn child. At the most critical point in her illness, she lay profoundly weakened in her rural, lantern-lit, dirt-floored home, with no means to get to a hospital. Lord, by your mercy she eventually received the care she needed and last week delivered a healthy baby boy. May this child grow into the knowledge of your grace and one day commit his life to your service. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

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