



Prayer for the world based on Psalm 13

**How long, O Lord,
can we hide our faces from the headlines of violence and
tragedy?**

How long, O Lord,
will communities in Sudan be displaced by conflict?

How long, O Lord,
will the children of the Honduras be battered by hurricanes?

How long, O Lord,
will the people of Venezuela live with threat of tsunami from
earthquakes?

How long, O Lord,
will Nepal experience devastating floods?

How long, O Lord,
must the soul of humanity bear the pain of trauma and loss,
and have sorrow in its heart all day long?

Consider and answer us, O Lord our God!

Give protection to all those living in fear of death.

Give strength to endure so tragedy will not prevail.

Give guidance to decision makers who are on the ground.

Give compassion to hearts weary with fatigue.

We trust in your steadfast love,
our hearts will rejoice in your salvation,
as we participate in your kingdom restoration praying,
acting and giving bountifully
with all those preparing and repairing
what violence, hurricane, earthquake and flood is destroying.

How long, O Lord,
will we bring our prayers of lament to you?

**In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray.
Amen**