



# PRAY THE NEWS

*New Caledonia has seen violent protests erupt in response to proposed voting changes. Four people have died and hundreds have been injured.*



The unrest is the latest flare-up in long-standing tensions between the indigenous Kanak population and residents of European descent over the territory's political status and its relationship with France.

Human rights groups are likely monitoring the situation closely for any potential excessive use of force amid the volatile political backdrop in New Caledonia.

## TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR NEW CALEDONIA:

### *Prayer points:*

For those caught up in the unrest which has forced schools, public services, and business to close and seen many panic-buying in shops.

For an end to violence and the safety of all including security staff, bystanders and protesters.

For peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue and negotiation. May wisdom, empathy and understanding find a just solution that respects the rights and grievances of all sides.

For the wider geopolitical implications of this conflict. That the Pacific would remain a place of peace and not an area to be fought over by world powers.