

PRAY THE NEWS

We cannot fail to be moved by the tragedy that happened to 1300 pilgrims who went to Mecca to fulfil their religious duties and did not return.



To make the pilgrimage to Mecca is a deep desire of good Muslims.

This tradition of pilgrimage is one that Christians share with Muslims. Many Christians who go on pilgrimage have found a spiritually helpful refocusing of their faith.

This year's Hajj occurred at the peak of summer, with temperatures reaching 51 degrees celsius. Over 1300 people have died as a result.

Despite attempts by the Saudi Government to control the numbers of pilgrims through a visa allocation, an estimated 141,000 unauthorised pilgrims made the journey - many of them on foot and under extreme temperature conditions.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR MUSLIMS ON PILGRIMAGE:

Prayer points:

- We pray for those who grieve for the loss of lives and loved ones
- We pray for those who long to fulfil their spiritual calling to go on the Hajj
- We pray for our Muslim neighbours, who often find our western society so confronting, and so defiling that they long for the Hajj