



PRAY THE NEWS

Afghanistan remains in turmoil with widespread human rights violations, particularly against women and girls.

After fighting an insurgent war for almost 20 years, the Taliban stepped into a power vacuum created by the withdrawal of the United States and its allies. Though the "War on Terror" in Afghanistan had ended, a new era of militaristic and fundamentalist Islamist rule under the Taliban began.

Compounding on growing economic instability is the depression of the rights of women and girls. In December 2022, women were banned from studying at universities and also banned from working for NGO's

With NGO and humanitarian funds drying up, the state can no longer adequately service vital infrastructure costs like health, water and sanitation. Hundreds of health facilities have closed since 2021.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR AFGHANISTAN:

- We pray for the people and country of Afghanistan, whose history has been heavily coloured by war, conflict, violence and political uncertainty
- We pray for the women and girls of Afghanistan who have been stripped of the fundamental rights that they could once access freely
- We pray for the leaders of the Taliban, that compassion and provision for their people would be their first and foremost priority