



# PRAY THE NEWS

*An explosive re-escalation of Syria's civil war proves that peace isn't just the absence of conflict.*

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Last Wednesday saw an explosive re-escalation of Syria's civil war between the Syrian Government and opposition forces to Syrian President Bashir al-Assad.

Significant missile strikes by Syrian Government and Russian forces on the city of Idlib have killed eight civilians and wounded more than 50, while a swift campaign spearheaded by the Islamist militant group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) has retaken the city of Aleppo.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, 618,000 lives have been lost to date in the Syrian civil war.

UN special envoy for Syria, Geir Pedersen, warns of the dangers of simply managing the conflict rather than resolving it. "No Syrian party or existing grouping of actors can resolve the Syrian conflict via military means."

## TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR SYRIA:

- We pray for protection for the innocent citizens of Aleppo and Idlib. Lord, give them the strength and perseverance to pull through the devastation of ongoing conflict.
- We pray for Your peace to transform hearts; both to those who are anxious and weary, and those who perpetuate continual conflict on all sides of the war
- We pray for a resolution, rather than a temporary suspension of hostilities. Help us God to not shy away from hope, even when circumstances seem hopeless.