



# PRAY THE NEWS

*A freeze on foreign aid spending by the United States Government will halt essential humanitarian aid to millions people around the world.*

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On Friday, a federal judge temporarily blocked President Donald Trump’s sweeping plan to place thousands of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) staffers on paid leave.

With USAID’s funding pipelines disrupted, essential aid—ranging from food to medical supplies—has slowed or halted entirely. “This debate in D.C. on bureaucratic shakeups is in reality defining who will live and who will die abroad,” warned Scott Paul of Oxfam.

The ripple effects of losing USAID will be felt deeply across the Pacific and beyond, where NGOs and vulnerable communities rely on sustained support. Aotearoa New Zealand’s decision to step forward in leadership or risk losing ground to instability will reflect our commitment to global solidarity.

## TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR USAID:

- We pray for those whose lives depend on humanitarian aid. May provision reach those in need. Strengthen those working to serve the vulnerable, despite political and logistical obstacles.
- We pray for wisdom and integrity among leaders. May decision-makers be guided by compassion rather than power, and may justice prevail over systems of greed and indifference.
- We pray that trust and cooperation would be restored, and that fractures within governments and organisations would be healed.