

African Council of Religious Leaders

Religions for Peace

A Multi-Faith Call to Prayer, Fasting and Solidarity for Peace in Sudan and Conflict-Affected Regions of Africa

As African religious leaders united under the African Council of Religious Leaders - *Religions for Peace* (ACRL-RfP), we lift our collective voices in deep concern over the ongoing violence, displacement, and humanitarian crises in Sudan and other conflict-affected regions across our continent.

The suffering of women, children, and entire communities in Sudan is a scar on our shared conscience. Millions have been uprooted from their homes, families are separated, and hunger continues to claim lives. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, the Sahel, and beyond, armed conflict adds to the burdens of poverty and climate fragility, pushing countless lives to the brink.

Across our diverse faith traditions, prayer and fasting are sacred acts of humility, repentance, and solidarity. Today, in the face of immense suffering, we turn to these spiritual disciplines as a unifying call. We affirm that peace is not only a political necessity, but a moral and spiritual obligation rooted in the sanctity of life and the dignity of every human being.

Therefore, as people of faith and conscience, we commit ourselves to collective prayer, fasting, and advocacy. Together, we lift these shared petitions before God, trusting in divine guidance while urging urgent action for peace and justice through the following shared commitments:

- Pray for the cessation of violence and the protection of all civilians;
- Intercede for women, children, and displaced persons, who bear the heaviest burdens of war;
- Call for the opening of humanitarian corridors to ensure lifesaving assistance reaches those in need;
- Reject hate speech and disinformation that deepen divisions, and instead pray for reconciliation and unity;
- Reaffirm our sacred responsibility to support the African Union's *Silencing the Guns* agenda, envisioning an Africa rooted in peace and human dignity.

Dates of Observance

The period of prayer and fasting will take place from **19th -21st September 2025**, culminating on the **International Day of Peace (21st September 2025)** with interfaith prayers, vigils, and community gatherings across the continent.

We therefore call on each faith community to observe in ways meaningful to their traditions, such as:

- Fasting according to health and faith practice;
- Holding prayer services in places of worship, community centers, or interfaith circles;
- Sharing reflections, prayers, and solidarity messages on digital platforms using the hashtags **#PrayForSudanPeace** and **#ActNowforSudanPeace**
- Preaching, teaching, and advocacy that highlight the urgent humanitarian needs in Sudan.

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A Shared Call to Peace

We call upon senior religious leaders, interfaith networks, women and youth of faith, and communities across Africa to join this sacred observance. Together, let us stand as one moral voice for peace, amplifying the cries of the vulnerable and demonstrating the power of faith in action.

This collective witness is not only an act of solidarity with the people of Sudan and all conflict-affected regions, but also a call to build a future rooted in justice, dignity, and lasting peace for our continent.

God bless us All, God bless Africa.

Signed on behalf of ACRL-R/P,



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