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# The future of their nation: A prayer for Afghanistan

Creator God,

In your wisdom and love you created the mountains and the valleys, the fields and the dust of Afghanistan. In the same love you created a strong and resilient people to inhabit the crossroads of the world, welcoming all who pass through.

Bestow on this people continued courage and strength. Help them always to know and trust in you, in times of peace and abundance, as in times of conflict and scarcity.

Give courage and wisdom to the women of Afghanistan, that they will grow strong and develop their gifts fully, to help create the future of their nation.

Give courage and wisdom to the men of Afghanistan, that they will seek peace and growth, to help create the future of their nation.

Give courage and wisdom to those who have been forced to live outside Afghanistan that they too can help create the future of their nation. And bless those who welcome them with generous and open hearts.

Above all, in your love, nurture and protect the children of Afghanistan that their hearts and minds may grow strong as they become, the future of their nation.

Amen.