

A prayer for the 2011 Sudan referenda

The following prayer was composed after a discussion that lasted from 8 p.m. to way beyond midnight. The three friends were a Muslim, his wife and a Christian. Perhaps you can identify with the feelings in their prayer.

Dear God,

Let the referenda be started, conducted and completed with the thoughts of **fairness and justice** on everyone's mind,

Let everyone treat each other as **guests** who are being welcomed into their homes.

Let all tribes treat each other with **dignity**, as brothers and sisters. May people of the North and South become as one tribe ... even if apart.

Let all consider the positive examples of those countries that have divided ... **in peace**, such as Czechoslovakia, which split into two countries ... peacefully.. Peace IS possible.

Let all those military deployed to ensure a peace do their tasks peacefully. Give them the grace to **endure**.

Let the martyrs of the past civil wars link arms with other saints and angels to keep villages **safe** and all the country **safe** during this time of decision.

May we **praise** Your works and use them for what YOU want. May we all work daily to do **Your will**.



By Three friends:

*a Muslim, his wife
and a Christian*

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