

# CALL TO PRAYER

NOVEMBER 2023



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In June 2023, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, AU’s accrediting body, determined that the university could not sustain ongoing compliance with the commission’s financial health requirement. AU’s Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to cease all academic offerings effective September 1, 2023. Since then, many

alumni and friends have expressed their grief, fond memories, and words of tribute for an institution that has equipped and sent out 35,000 graduates who have faithfully served Christ in 90 countries. Despite this sad farewell, AU’s fruitful legacy will continue to expand Christ’s Kingdom for generations to come.

C&MA leadership remains committed to Alliance seminary education and, ideally, maintaining its ministry training presence in New York City. To that end, the C&MA Board Executive Committee formed a transition team to explore options for a future C&MA seminary model. After prayerful consideration, the team narrowed its focus to a potential partnership with Asbury Theological Seminary. The C&MA and Asbury have a longstanding, fruitful relationship and share many essential theological beliefs. Asbury also has a passion to extend seminary education to NYC, where The Alliance has deep roots and longstanding relationships.

In recent months, Asbury signed contracts with three former Alliance Theological Seminary professors to establish its New York City presence. Rejoice for the door God is opening to sustain a viable seminary presence that preserves and propels our Alliance theological and spiritual distinctives. Pray for former AU students, faculty, and staff as they seek God’s guidance for the future.

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## **PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**

In the wake of recent violence, Alliance international workers and their church partners in the Middle East shared the following update:

First, we are safe, though life here has been very difficult. Our hearts are grieving over the terrible suffering and loss of life. In a land where hatred and extremism dominate, we realize the spiritual warfare involved. We also acknowledge that as followers of Jesus, we are called to pray that our churches will be His witnesses during this challenging time through the power of His Holy Spirit. A church kneeling is more powerful than an army standing!

Many of you have asked how you can intercede on our behalf. Pray that amid the violence and turmoil, Jesus will reveal Himself as the Prince of Peace and that many will turn to Him. Ask God to comfort those who have lost loved ones and to protect the hostages and reunite them with their families. Pray for leaders to make the right decisions for their people. Intercede for believers across the land to have shalom peace, to be salt and light, and to have all their needs met. Pray for wisdom on how to minister to people and help those affected by the war. Intercede for the protection of Christians on both sides and for Arab and Messianic believers to focus on their unity in Jesus rather than division. Thank you for your support!

## **RESPONDING TO DISASTERS IN NORTH AFRICA**

Continue to pray for those affected by the devastating earthquake in Morocco and massive flooding in Libya in September that brought staggering loss of life with tens of thousands of people becoming displaced. With the help of local partners, CAMA was able to send personnel with medical backgrounds and disaster response training into Morocco to aid communities impacted near the earthquake's epicenter. Through the generosity of Alliance people, CAMA provided two villages with 100 bags of food items along with blankets, clothing, tarps, tents, medical supplies, and more. In Libya, CAMA has partnered with an initiative to provide immediate relief to children orphaned by the floods. In a city next to one of the hardest-hit areas, a public building is being used to house nearly 300 orphans all younger than 10. CAMA was able to send funds to local partners to provide hygiene kits, stuffed animals, mattresses, and blankets to these little ones.

As CAMA continues to come alongside those still hurting, pray that God will comfort the grieving, provide for those in need, and reveal His compassionate heart to the people of Morocco and Libya. Pray, too, against the spread of waterborne diseases in the affected areas of Libya. As recovery efforts continue, ask the Lord to clear the path for those who know Him as they work to provide relief to the suffering, establish relationships with the broken, and share His love with all. Visit the Updates page at [camaservices.org](http://camaservices.org) to learn more.

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