

# HOW TO PRAY FOR BREAKING NEWS STORIES

**Prayer moves the hand of God and changes the course of history. Yet, we live in a world where tragedy, danger and death are a daily reality.**

News apps and websites mean that we're always connected to what's happening in the world- yet when a news story breaks, it can be difficult to know how to respond in prayer.

**When the world is shaking around us, where do we turn? How do we pray?**

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## **1. GET INFORMED**

Gather the basics of the story from a trustworthy source. What's happening? Where? Who is affected? Who will be responding? What are the needs right now?

## **2. PRAY FOR PEOPLE**

Pray for those who are negatively affected. Pray for those who have their lost families, friends and loved ones. Pray for those who are still in danger.

## **3. PRAY FOR CIRCUMSTANCES**

What are the problems that only God can fix? Ask God to intervene and for God's presence to be felt.

## **4. PRAY FOR THOSE IN POWER**

Who are the decision makers that can impact the story? Pray for mercy, compassion and wisdom as they deal with the situation.

## **5. PRAY FOR THE CHURCH**

Who can spread God's love and hope in the situation? Pray for pastors, churches and non-government organisations; that they would be equipped with all they need in the situation.

## **6. MOTIVATE OTHERS**

If you're organizing group prayer for the story, find connections and make the story relevant and personal – this will aid and equip your prayers.

## **7. SHARE YOUR PRAYER**

Use social media to share your prayers, and inspire others to add their 'Amen' too.