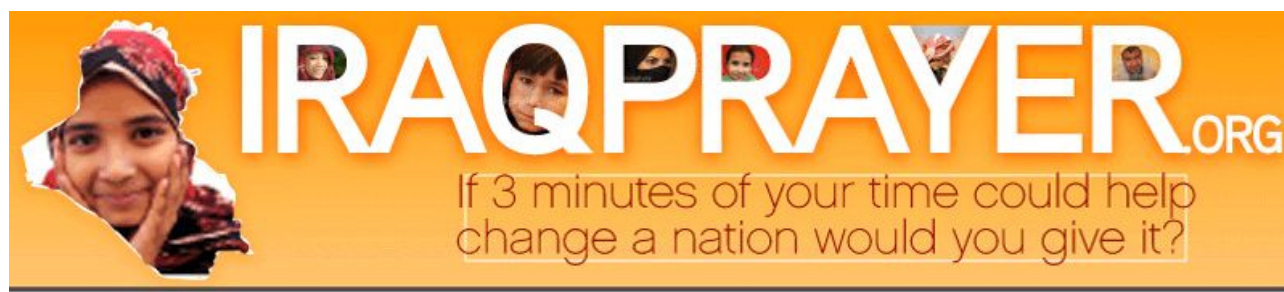


New Prayer Initiative to end the violence in Iraq



iraqprayer.org is a new prayer initiative to mobilise churches throughout the world to pray for an end to the violence in Iraq. Each church is asked to commit to praying at least 3 minutes a week for the violence to end in Iraq.

Between 1st January and 24th April 2007 there have been 1010 fatal attacks in Iraq. 764 of these occurred in just 10 cities of which 408 were in Baghdad alone (Statistics derived from icasualties.org).

The prayer focus is on these 10 most violent cities of Iraq, including the 9 districts of Baghdad. Using an interactive map on the iraqprayer.org web site churches can sign up to pray for one of these cities or districts. The web site also contains background information on Iraq and related details to help churches pray.

This new prayer initiative comes out of partnership with prayer leaders from many nations and Christians living in the Middle East. Based in London, the Iraqprayer.org initiative connects Christians with a love for Iraq and a heart for prayer - in the UK, the USA, the Middle East and worldwide.

James 5:16 says that the prayer of the righteous is very powerful. The focused prayer of churches worldwide can make a difference to seeing the violence end.

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