

# Pray for Sri Lanka

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WAITING FOR DAYS IN LONG QUEUES FOR COOKING GAS



LONG QUEUES FOR PETROL AND DIESEL

# Overview of the crisis in Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka is experiencing a multidimensional crisis, compounded by food insecurity, threatened livelihoods, shortages of essential medical items and rising protection concerns
- About 5.7 million people, or around 22 percent of the total population, needs urgent humanitarian assistance.
- There is an “unfolding multi-dimensional food security crisis,” as many families are unable to afford basic food commodities, and up to 70 percent of households are forced to reduce food consumption, including by skipping meals
- Inflation and a sharp decline in the country’s agricultural products resulted in low-income families facing severe threat of food security. In addition, the cost of certain food items and even other essential items have shown a sharp increase by up to 300% over the last 3 months.

# Overview....(contd)

- Unable to afford the rising prices, people have resorted to various “coping mechanisms,” such as borrowing money, withdrawing savings, pawning belongings and selling property to make ends meet. This has led to increase in theft, looting and robberies as people become desperate to meet ends.
- Such mechanisms are not sustainable over the long term and will lead to greater losses in the future and leading people to drastic measures, even committing suicide being unable to cope up with the pressure. If this situation continues, it is predicted by UN that this would lead to a humanitarian crisis in Sri Lanka.
- Health sector is among the most severely impacted. Sri Lanka imports about 80 percent of its medicines, but depleted foreign reserves have prevented many vital medicines being imported. The shortage of medicines has paralysed about 50 percent of medical operations in the country leaving many poor families depending on government hospitals go unattended.

How can you support in  
Prayer for Sri Lanka?

## PRAY FOR HOUSHOLS IN STARVATION DUE TO COST OF FOOD

-Pray for miracles in every household as in 1 Kings 17 and 2 Kings 4 to see divine intervention with supernatural provision to overcome the Food Shortage and unbearable cost of living

The purchase of food is becoming increasingly unaffordable and out of reach for most low-income households. Pregnant and lactating women are particularly at risk because the majority cannot purchase the required nutritious food.

Even in the urban cities and semi urban areas people can't afford to have 3 meals a day due to very high cost of food and essentilas. Many families are forced to skip 1 or 2 meals.

Daily wage earners are the most effected (three-wheeler taxi drivers, cab drivers, blue collar workers). Loss of income is leading to starvation

People in villages starving and going without food for days. Many stories reported of children starving in rural areas

# PRAY FOR FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE LAND TO END STARVATION

-Pray for miracles in the agro / food industries to break the curse on the land and witness supernatural increase in the days ahead as witnessed in Genesis 26

- Pray for favour from relief organisations overseas to obtain fertiliser for the next season
- Pray for wisdom and favour over government ministers and officials to manage the agriculture crisis

Rural areas are facing serious crop failures caused by the government's ban on imported chemical fertiliser due to the lack of foreign exchange.

Paddy production has fallen by about 50 percent and maize by up to 70 percent leading to major financial problems for the rural masses, pushing up prices and causing food shortages.

It is predicted that there won't be adequate agro foods produced locally, and much progress cannot be expected till 2023

Scarcity of rice for consumption forecasted by the government in the next few months. (Rice is the staple food item in Sri-Lanka. People in villages are starving and going without food for days.



# PRAY TO END THE FUEL SHORTAGE THAT IS CRIPPLING THE NATION

- Pray for divine intervention to solve the Fuel Shortage that has affected the livelihood of all people regardless of whether they are rich or poor.
- Pray that the disruption of all activities in the country, including education and health sector will be resolved

People are found dead in their vehicles while waiting in the long fuel lines for days. So far 11 people reported to have died. Many more such deaths go unreported.

People have to stay in long queues, at times upto 3 days to get a limited amount of fuel for their vehicles (personal transport, business vehicles and daily wage earner taxis, etc).

No more Petrol and Diesel expected in the next few week until the government figure out a credit line/loan to purchase petroleum. The government does not have any dollar reserves to order more petroleum

Due to this situation all schools and public/govenment offices have been closed for two weeks. Non governmnet sector offices are unable to carry on with operations due to lack of public transport and fuel shortage.



# PRAY FOR HEALTH SECTOR/ HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING

-Pray for a healing wave to blow across the land and preserve those who are in severe health conditions  
-As the health sector is crippled due to the economic crisis, pray for divine intervention with miracles to happen in hospitals and homes

Stocks of about 200 essential drugs, including blood-thinners for heart attacks, antibiotics, vaccines and cancer chemotherapy, are being depleted

Over 2,720 essential surgical consumables and more than 250 regular laboratory items are already out of stock in the island

There is an urgent need to replenish essential medicines and medical supplies in order to protect lives and prevent more deaths. The health sector crisis has been further exacerbated by the lack of fuel and extended power cuts.

# PRAY TO END THE FAMINE AND OVERCOME THE SPIRIT OF DEATH

-Pray for miraculous work of God as in 2 Kings 7 to see an end to the famine in the land.

-Pray to arrest the spirit of death and depression leading people to commit suicide

People are leaving the country –being vomited out of the nation leading to brain drain – approximately 150,000 people have left the country within the last 5 months

People are resorting to life threatening ways to leave the nation as refugees (illegal boats)

Unable to cope up with the economic struggles, people are committing suicide.

Especially parents are committing suicide as they are unable to feed their children. Some parents commit suicide along with their children

## PRAY FOR GOVERNMENT / WISE AND PRUDENT GOVERNANCE

-Pray for wisdom over the government and officials to manage the crisis and implement wise policies to restore the economy and give relief to people without corruption or abuse

-Pray for Favour upon government officials as they negotiate with IMF , World Bank and other global agencies to borrow funds to manage the economy

Pray that God ordained leadership will be established to reach the destiny of the nation and overcome the current challenges

Pray to cripple all the strategies of the enemy to steal and delay the promised blessings for the land and derail Sri Lanka from God's destiny and redemptive birthright of the nation.

Pray that the appointed leaders will be righteous in their dealings and work for the good of the people without giving into greed for power or corruption

Pray that justice and righteous governance will be established in every sector of the state and society.