

Lebanon Prayer Update, April 2026-New Crisis Appeal

Please continue to pray for Lebanon at this time of crisis and if you are able please consider donating to support the work of Tearfund and Youth for Christ in Lebanon via the links below.

For most of the past year things were gradually improving in Lebanon with the November 2024 truce still more or less holding despite no formal extension. The (then) new Government gained confidence from the local population and international institutions and parliament passed positive laws to reform the economy and finance systems and, crucially, to begin a process of disarmament of Hezbollah.

All that changed when America and Israel started their war with Iran at the end of February this year. As allies of Iran, Hezbollah felt duty bound to join in hostilities by sending rockets over the border into Israel and Israel soon retaliated by sending missiles and bombs into Lebanon.

At least 1.2 million people (a fifth of the Lebanese population) have since been forced by bombing alerts to flee their homes and livelihoods in southern Lebanon and South Beirut at exceedingly short notice, or effectively none, sadly very reminiscent of events not so long ago in Gaza. The Government has made school and other public buildings available for shelter and churches and NGOs are doing their best too, but the need is far greater than what they are able to offer.

Although the 8th April ceasefire between the USA and Gaza did not initially include Lebanon, it was extended on 17th April to include Lebanon. There has since been a limited return home for some, but many are likely to find their homes in the south uninhabitable or inaccessible due to Israeli occupation and will still be in need of humanitarian help.

Thank God for the new 10 day ceasefire that has been agreed & came into force on April 17th. Please pray that this ceasefire holds & is extended alongside finding a way for Hezbollah to be disarmed peacefully.

Please pray for President Josphe Aoun and Foreign Minister Youssef Rajji as they plead their case for a lasting peace in further meetings hosted by the US Government. Also for churches and NGOs caring for the displaced to not grow weary in well doing but be strengthen to continue to show true Christian compassion.

Churches and other Christian organisations are doing their very best to provide shelter, nourishment and encouragement for the displaced, many of whom will have no homes to go back to if and when the bombing eventually stops.

Below are links with two such organisations, appealing for help with their relief efforts:-

Tearfund

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/middle-east-emergency-appeal>

Youth For Christ (YFC) Lebanon

The activities and mission of YFC Lebanon including how they are reaching out to ALL young people and their families which includes Hezbollah families, 750,000 displaced, as well as the other communities. Churches are opening their doors to offer accommodation and serving the people. About 38% are under 25 years.

[War Strikes Again in Lebanon... And We Get Ready - YFC Lebanon](#)

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