

Prayer for Sierra Leone

Creator God, as we celebrate Sierra Leone's 50th Anniversary of Independence, we give thanks for Your eternal message of hope and deliverance and pray for Your blessing on this country and her people.

We thank You that out of the darkness of chaos and war You have raised up men and women of integrity who have unselfishly given of their best to bring peace, stability, and sustainable development.

Loving God, we acknowledge that there is much still to be done. We pray for transformation in people's motives that will challenge all manifestations of violence, intolerance and selfish demands on others.

We ask for Your blessing on the children of this nation. Please empower parents, teachers and all those with responsibility for their education and welfare with the skills and resources that are needed.

We pray for all women and men in positions of leadership. May they serve with humility and dignity and act justly without fear or favour. Give all leaders the courage to put the needs of the nation before personal gain.

Merciful God, as we look to the next fifty years we pray that, through faithfulness to Your Will, Sierra Leone can become a beacon of hope to the African continent – where empty hands will be filled with work, empty stomachs with food, and empty hearts with a purpose that really satisfies.

**Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**