

## Humanitarian Crisis in Syria

*PRAYER: During the deplorable humanitarian crisis in Syria, let us be in prayerful solidarity with the innocent victims of violence who are hungry, injured, and dying each day. May financial aid provide food and medical care and may our prayers sustain, in hope, our Syrian neighbors in need, whom Jesus taught us to love as we love ourselves.*

**For this, let us pray to the Lord.**

In response to the deplorable humanitarian crisis in Syria, Francis Cardinal George is asking the faithful of the Archdiocese to pray for the suffering people of Syria during the Universal Prayers at all Masses during the week-end of March 17 and 18, 2012. These members of our human family who are hungry, injured and dying are our global neighbors whom Jesus taught us to love. Let us be in prayerful solidarity with the innocent victims of violence in Syria and throughout the world.

In addition to prayer, Cardinal George is encouraging Catholics to donate to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association which provides aid to Syria. To donate financial aid online, please go to [www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org) – Donations. Or, mail checks to Catholic New East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York NY 10022-4195. Please mark your donations “for Syrian relief.” The Archdiocese has also made a donation to the Syrian American Medical Society whose President, Dr. Zaher Sahloul, is Chair of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, an interfaith partner of the Archdiocese.

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