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### Pray for peace

to hold in Sudan and for an end to all violence.

### Support peace

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provides one day's salary for a tailoring instructor.

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