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Praying with the News

Article: US and France prepare to act on Syria despite UK no vote

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Summary: The war that is happening in the country of Syria is getting worse and worse, and the leaders of other countries are trying to decide whether they should begin a war with Syria. This is coming up especially because it looks as if there are chemical weapons being used now in the war in Syria. The UK voted to not use their military to get involved in Syria's war, but now France and the US are still talking about whether or not they will use their military in Syria.

Consequences: It is a very big decision for a country to go to war with another country, and it gets harder now because if the US uses their military in Syria, other countries like Russia and Iran may attack the US to get back at them. Also, the US is involved with their military in many places around the world. Our men and women are putting their lives on the line to help so many other countries do what they need to do. Many people question whether it is worth the American lives. On the other hand, the US seems to want to help wherever it is possible to help other countries who are in trouble. We could see this as a good way to act, also.

Christian response: We must pray for peace everywhere in the world, of course, but we, as Christians in the US, can also petition our leaders to help other countries before the war time comes. If this happens, then our country will not have to decide where our military should have to go or where it is not a good idea.

Prayer:

Dear Lord,

There are so many places in the world that are in trouble. Help us to realize that not everyone in the world lives in peace the way we do here in our homes. The people of Syria are especially hurting right now, as the country is at war and no one is sure what to do. The leaders of other countries need to decide how to help the people of Syria. Help the leaders to take the right advice and to look to You, Lord, for the right answer to this question. Help us to always be aware of what is going on in the world so that we can do all that we can do to help. Amen.