

PRAYER RECITED AT RALLY FOR DARFUR

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In the Armenian genocide it was written and in Darfur it is being sealed:
How many shall join the hundreds of thousands who have already perished,
and how many shall be born into a life of horror,
who shall live and who shall die.

In the Shoah genocide it was written and in Darfur it is being sealed:
who shall be raped and who shall be tortured,
who shall perish by sword and who by bullets,
whose village shall be burned and whose well shall be poisoned.

In the Cambodian genocide it was written and in Darfur it is being sealed:
who shall make it to the refugee camp and who shall die on the way,
who shall die by hunger and who by thirst,
who by disease and who by plague.

In the Bosnian genocide it was written and in Darfur it is being sealed:
Who shall have their food rations cut and who shall get enough food for another day,
Whose child shall die and whose child shall survive.

In the Rwandan genocide it was written and in Darfur it is being sealed:
who shall remain silent and who shall scream for action,
who shall be complacent and who shall have moral courage,
who shall cave in to despair and who shall be elevated by hope.

But our outrage, our outcry and our demand for action
can help stop this genocide NOW.

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Based on High Holy Day Liturgy*