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**Ask God to grant PEACE, teach people PEACE, give them the courage to say "Never again war!"**

Pope Francis

## LET US PRAY for OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS in SYRIA

Syrian Arab Sunni Muslims, 70-75%—Melkite Catholic Christians, 10%—Alawites, less than 10%—Druze, Isma'ilis, & Shiite Muslims

Jesus' fame spread to all of Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases and racked with pain, those who were possessed, lunatics, and paralytics, and he cured them. Matthew 4:24

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in shadow dark as death light has blazed forth. Isaiah 9:2

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In just two weeks, Syrian rebels have swept from their enclave in the north west to capture a string of major cities, before reaching the capital Damascus and toppling President Bashar al-Assad, 13 years after the start of the country's civil war.

In convoys of small vehicles and motor-bikes, fighters led by the rebel group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) moved rapidly along the north-south highway which forms the country's main spine to take Damascus without resistance.

But while many in the country are celebrating the downfall of a family dynasty that ruled Syria with an iron fist, the future is uncertain and the situation on the ground remains in flux, with a number of different rebel groups controlling different parts of the country. BBC News 12-11-24