

Faith Leaders, Christian Political Commentators Respond to Afghanistan Tragedy

Faith leaders from around the country are expressing their thoughts and prayers online for not only the 12 U.S. Marines killed in Afghanistan Thursday, but also for the other Americans still stranded there and the people of Afghanistan who cooperated with the American government.

Two suicide bombings near the Kabul Airport killed dozens and the terrorist group ISIS took responsibility for those actions. Here are the reactions from some of the top faith leaders in America surrounding Thursday's deadly incident:

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Here are others who responded:

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“Let’s continue to pray for the Church in the Middle East! These are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we won’t forget them!” –Marcus Lamb of Daystar TV.

“The @StateDept should grant visas to Afghan religious minorities so they can leave the country immediately. This is a life or death Brownback, Served as @IRF_Ambassador. {p>“Let’s continue to pray for the Church in the Middle East! These are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we won’t forget them!

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Walker Wildmon, Vice President of Operations for the American Family Association, said in a release:

“We are deeply saddened by the tragic casualties of U.S. service members in Kabul, Afghanistan. “Within hours of learning of this tragedy we lowered our flag to half-staff at our national headquarters in Tupelo, Mississippi. While many questions remain unanswered, we must not forget to honor those who died protecting U.S. citizens and Afghan allies in

Afghanistan.” {eoa}

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