

PRAYING FOR PEOPLE KILLED  
IN THE GENOCIDE IN IRAQ & SYRIA



We pray to You O God, as we place before You,  
Those who were executed by ISIS in its reign of terror in Iraq and Syria.

We pray for them in this month of November.

We pray for the families still searching for the graves of their loved ones.

We pray for the search teams who have discovered 202 Mass Graves in  
Iraq so far.

We pray for those working to identify individual people  
Whose remains are buried within 28 mass graves currently excavated.

We pray for those who were killed in Syria  
And the grave sites still to be discovered.

We pray to You, O God, for the grieving families,  
That they may be supported in their anguish,  
And that they may know we have not forgotten them.

Let us pray.

Fr Gerry

At the time of publication, based on information from Iraqi authorities, UNAMI/OHCHR had documented:

## 202 MASS GRAVES SITES

THE LARGEST NUMBERS LOCATED IN THE GOVERNORATES OF:

Ninewa → 95  
Kirkuk → 37  
Salah al-Din → 36  
Anbar → 24

Current estimates provided to UNAMI/OHCHR range

**6,000–12,000**

**VICTIMS BURIED IN THESE SITES**

*The overall number of victims cannot be determined until all remains are officially exhumed.*

MASS GRAVES EXCAVATED TO DATE:

**28 MASS GRAVES** have been excavated by the Mass Graves Directorate

Salah al-Din → **23**

Diyala → **4**

Ninewa → **1**

In total, the remains of **1,258 BODIES HAVE BEEN EXHUMED** from these sites by the Mass Graves Directorate.

**It is critical that the integrity of mass grave sites be maintained as they potentially contain significant sources of evidence which can be used for criminal prosecutions.**

VICTIMS INCLUDE:

women

children

elderly and persons with disabilities

foreign workers

members and former members of the Iraqi armed forces and police

Source: UNAMI/OHCHR