

## **A PRAYER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE & EQUITY**

O God of all justice and peace  
we cry out to you  
in the midst of the pain and the trauma of violence  
and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.  
Be with those who need you  
in these days of suffering.  
We pray for people of all faiths,  
Jews, Muslims and Christians,  
and for all people of the Land.  
While we pray to you, O Lord,  
for an end to the violence  
and the establishment of peace,  
we also call for you to bring justice,  
and equity to the peoples.  
Guide us into your kingdom  
where all people are treated  
with dignity and honour as your children,  
for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.  
In Jesus' name we pray  
Amen.

(By Housam Naoum, Archbishop of Jerusalem)

## **A PRAYER FOR THE ISRAEL PALESTINE CONFLICT**

O God of all  
Of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael:  
Our hearts are broken in pieces at the suffering and murder of your people.  
Our voices cry for peace and for justice.  
  
Comfort those who grieve,  
Console and heal the injured,  
Be close to those in fear,  
Restrain with your mighty hand those who perpetrate violence.  
  
Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do,  
That our voice may always seek justice, peace and security for all.  
Amen.

(Source: Revd Peter Colwell, Deputy General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.)

## **A PRAYER FOR THE ISRAEL PALESTINE CONFLICT**

God of light and salvation, our refuge and our strength,  
we pray for the people of Israel and Palestine amid the escalating violence.

We pray for those killed and injured by rockets from Gaza in southern Israel. May your rod and staff comfort them. We pray for those who are grieving. May they know your ever-present help.

We pray for the protection of those who have been taken hostage by Hamas. As they walk through this dark valley, may they fear no evil. We pray for the civilians of Gaza. May they know that their help comes from the Maker of heaven and earth.

And we pray for those in leadership in Gaza and Israel. May you guide them along the right paths. We ask all this in union with Christ and trusting in the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Source: [www.englishcathedrals.co.uk](http://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk))

## **A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We pray especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

(Source: Ely Cathedral)

## A PRAYER FOR THE ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

Lord God,

we come to you as the source of all comfort  
asking that you send your Spirit to surround and uphold  
all those who are grieving,  
all those who are suffering,  
all those in fear,  
and all those in captivity.

May the arms of comfort and compassion, overwhelm the arms of war.

We come to you as the source of all peace

asking that you send your Spirit to  
strengthen and uphold those pursuing an end to violence,  
embolden those with a heart for truth and justice,  
and amplify voices of wisdom and restraint.

May the light of peace and reconciliation, overwhelm the darkness of destruction.

We come to you as the source of all hope,

asking that you send your Spirit to bring about a future,  
where neighbours embrace despite their differences,  
where love conquers hate,  
humility surpasses pride,  
and where forgiveness is treasured as a fundamental strength.

May the hope of a day when weapons of conflict will be transformed into tools of reconciliation be realised soon,  
so there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away. **Amen.**

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