

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.

A Prayer from the Mass

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND



Prayer Intention

Let us pray for peace in the Holy Land:

- for an end to the violence and retribution,
- for those who have been killed and injured,
- for the return of hostages,
- and for the protection of innocent men, women and children in both Israel and Palestine.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
where there is injury, pardon,
where there is doubt, faith,
where there is despair, hope,
where there is darkness, light,
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
not so much to be understood as to understand,
not so much to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

A Prayer from Jerusalem

O God of all justice and peace,
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and 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 violence and the
establishment of peace, we also call to 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.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem

A Prayer from CAFOD

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart
by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We remember especially those who have died,
those who are grieving, the injured
and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies.

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

A Prayer from the Association of English Cathedrals

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

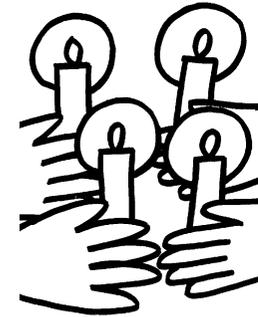
We pray for those killed and injured by rockets.
May your rod and staff comfort them.
We pray for those who are grieving.
May they know your ever-present help.

We pray for the protection of those who have been taken hostage.
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.



A Prayer by Reverend Said

God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians,
Palestinians and Israelis.

Let hatred be turned into love,
fear to trust,
despair to hope,
oppression to freedom,
occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

Prayer from the Baptist Union of Great Britain

Lord God,
it is with shock and horror we witness the devastating violence
and loss of life in Israel and Palestine over recent days.

We come to you as the source of all comfort
asking that you send your Spirit to surround and uphold: