Pray for Peace in Palestine and Israel



Christ in the Rubble

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God-with-us,
you sit down in our midst.
Nothing can separate us from your love -
not towering concrete walls, or propaganda,
or the deep darkness between glaring searchlights -
not distance from friends, or despair in our hearts
that the world's wrongs cannot be changed.

You are with our brothers queuing for aid,
our sisters cradling starving children,
those digging in the rubble of homes
for those they have lost,
health-care workers and journalists
risking their lives -
all held in the cross-hairs.
You sit down in our midst
with thousands round the world,
confused, angry, helpless,
those who try to hold
your suffering people in prayer.

Born into extreme deprivation,
to displaced people living under occupation,
you entered and still share our human lives.
God-with-us, we must believe
that your great love can never be contained
by the walls of separation
or cancelled by lies and hatred.
You sit down in our midst:
breathe hope into the world.
Amen

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What can I do?

We are all invited to pray, act and stand in solidarity with the people of the Holy Land.

PRAYER

Use the prayer on this leaflet (other prayer cards are available from Pax Christi) at home, in your church, school and community.

Include bidding prayers at Mass, and hold a special vigil/service on significant occasions such as the Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel each September.

SOLIDARITY and ACTION

Arrange an event to share stories; **invite** a speaker; **watch** a film; **enjoy** Palestinian food; **sell** Palestinian produce (for example on an Advent/ Christmas stall).

Sponsor the planting of olive trees as a gift for a special birthday, memorial or anniversary:

https://zaytoun.uk/plant-a-tree/

Write to your MP and ask them to:

- work for an end to all military cooperation with Israel
- call on Israel to end the occupation of Palestine—the West Bank and Gaza.

Resources for prayer, information, action

Pax Christi

https://paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns/israel-and-palestine/world-week-for-peace-in-pi/

https://paxchristi.net/blog-just-peace-in-israel-and-palestine/

World Council of Churches Week for Peace

https://www.oikoumene.org/events/world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-and-israel-0

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel - EAPPI

https://www.eyewitnessblogs.com/

Parents' Circle - Families Forum

https://www.theparentscircle.org/en/homepage-en/

Jews for Justice for Palestinians

https://jfjfp.com/

ICAHD - *https://icahd.org/*

Embrace the Middle East - *https://embraceme.org/*

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