



The Anglican Church of Canada



Evangelical Lutheran
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PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL/PALESTINE

A prayer from Archbishop Hosam Naoum of 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.

Prayer petitions in support of ELCIC and ACC partners in Jordan and the Holy Land

From Bishop Susan Johnson, Primate Linda Nicholls, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (November 29)

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. (Psalm 80:3)

From Bishop Susan Johnson and Primate Linda Nicholls (November 17)

We pray for an immediate ceasefire, for a release of hostages, and an end to Israel's occupation of all Palestinian Territories. We pray for those in authority that their decisions and actions bear the fruit of peace, justice and sanctity of all life for Palestinians and Israelis. We pray for our Christian partners in the Land of the Holy One, and their Muslim and Jewish neighbours who inspire the world with their steadfast hope and faithfulness.

From Bishop Susan Johnson, BC Synod Bishop Kathy Martin, ABT Synod Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, SK Synod Bishop Sid Haugen, MNO Synod Bishop Jason Zinko and Eastern Synod Bishop Michael Pryse (October 20)

God of peace, we pray for peace between Israel and Hamas. We pray for leaders on both sides that their hearts would be changed and there would be

a peaceful ending to this war. God of comfort and strength, we pray for all those who have suffered in this war—those who mourn, the injured, those who live in fear. We pray for those who continue to try to provide aid and medical care—workers who risk their lives. Bring us all hope, bring us all strength, bring us all peace. In your holy and life-giving name we pray.

Amen

From Bishop Susan Johnson and Primate Linda Nicholls (October 11)

In the face of grief and violence we offer this prayer:

God of peace and justice, our hearts weep as the rockets fall in Israel and Gaza, as families are bereaved, as men, women and children are taken hostage, as anger and hatred are fueled again.

In the land you chose for your people and your Son we pray for those bereaved by the violence, for the wounded and injured, for the hostages, that your love will surround and comfort them.

We pray for strength and compassion, for all offering medical care, especially our partners, the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital and Augusta Victoria Hospital.

We pray for Bishop Sani Azar and Archbishop Hosam Naoum and all Christians in the Holy Land for their safety and their leadership in this time of crisis.

We pray for all leaders in Israel and Palestine that a just and lasting peace will be found.

In the midst of our grief and sorrow we trust in your unfailing love for all people, and for your Land, and ask that your wisdom would prevail, for we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings the world eternal peace.

Amen

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

In February 2022, when war in Ukraine began, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York wrote a prayer for the country and its people:

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

From the Church of England: [Prayers for Peace and Hope](#)

For additional ideas for prayer and fasting, please see the following from TearFund UK:

- [How to pray for Gaza and Israel](#)
- [How to pray for Ukraine](#)