

A Prayer for Peace in Israel and Palestine

The current violence in Israel and Palestine is deeply distressing, and not seeing an immediate solution, we turn to prayer. We ask all people of good will to join us in this prayer for the region and for these people who so desperately need a peaceful and a just solution to this conflict.

Lord God, as we look at the suffering and violence in Israel and Palestine, we ask for the wisdom to learn how to act as peacemakers in the Holy Land. Teach us how we can work effectively for a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians. And grant us the wisdom and discernment to refrain from any actions which may cause more pain, violence and discord.

We pray that the Lord God will soften hearts and bring an end to the



violence. We pray that the Lord God will bring a deep and lasting healing and reconciliation to the people of the Holy Land -- Palestinians and Israelis, who, in spite of different histories, languages, religions and cultures, share the common pain of years of violence and strife as they each yearn to breathe free in their own homelands.

We pray that the Lord God will also bring wisdom and courage to the Israeli and Palestinian leadership. A wisdom and courage which will enable them to work towards calming tensions and ending the current violence. And we pray that the Lord God also grants them the wisdom and courage to make the compromises necessary to find a permanent solution to the conflict, an end the occupation, and the creation of two states living side by side with justice and in safety.