



## Our Prayer for Israel and Palestine

Loving God, we come to you in this time of tragedy, after the sudden loss of loved ones due to the conflict in Israel and Palestine. For those who have been injured, captured, and for those whose homes have been destroyed. Father, we ask for your loving arms to embrace our brothers and sisters who are in so much pain.

Loving God, we pray for a miraculous de-escalation of this dangerous conflict. Terrible things are being done, many hundreds have died, hospitals are overflowing, many are suddenly grieving. Violence is provoking violence but we pray for reason to prevail over rage and revenge.

Loving God, as the people grapple with the severe loss, the injury and destruction that is all around them. God, we remember that you are higher than any other, we ask you to hold them in their time of anguish and uncertainty. May your presence and your compassion bring them peace.

Loving God, we lift up the people of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those impacted, and we pray for active and effective peacemaking. Lord we also pray for the first responders, the medical professionals, the rescue workers, and for all those who volunteered to offer a helping hand. We pray that you grant them strength and courage in the hours and days to come.

Loving God, we pray for all Christians in the Holy Land, that they would be your hands and feet in this time. Give them strength to love both Jews and Muslims in their time of despair. May they be your peacemakers and a witness to your faithfulness and never ending love for all people.

Loving God, upon you we rely, and to you we turn. You do not waver, and you do not abandon. Be with the people of Israel and Palestine in these days, and the weeks ahead as they face the tragedy of loss.

We bring you all of these prayers, and ask them in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen