

Psalm 23 Inspired by the Kairos document

(Modified from the prayers from "Prayer for just peace in Israel and Palestine" <https://united-church.ca/prayers/prayer-peace-justice-israelpalestine>)

God, you are our hope, we shall not let go. You help us seek peace, justice, hope, and dignity for Palestinians and Israelis, you lead us towards courageous actions.

We faithfully journey to places of unrest, instability, and fear, to advocate for the basic human rights of all people, support the peace-builders who are actively resisting the dehumanizing forces of violence, and better proclaim the gospel of peace for your sake.

Even though there is uncertainty, indifference, and opposition, grant us the strength to continually seek an end to the occupation, so that Israelis and Palestinians can create a better future for themselves.

Even as we dream of a time when Palestine/Israel will be a symbol of hope, peace, and reconciliation, help us to be mindfully aware of the volatile present.

Draw close to the multitude of injured and grieving people in the Holy Land; gather up the hopeless, abide with the physically and emotionally oppressed; may your presence and your kin'dom comfort our siblings in their suffering.

God, prepare tables of dialogue and opportunities for truth-telling around us. Open the hearts of hurting people so that they may witness small signs of hope.

Surely, with your help, we will continue to seek justice and resist evil, all the days of our lives, until all are able to live abundantly. **Amen.**