

The Call: A lament of the suffering

God who knows our pain,
send your spirit of peace that we may live another day.
Live a day without bombs and bloodshed.
Live a day without violence and deaths.
You are the God of the oppressed,
whose eye is even on the sparrow;
free us from the bondage of these power mongers;
save us from the hands of people who disguise in your name.
God who knows our history, give us strength to stand again.
Grant us the resilience to resist despair,
The courage to speak truth to power, and the
Faith to believe in a future where we Palestinians and Israelis
can live side by side in peace, justice, and equality.
O God, knowing that you are a God of compassion and justice,
We cry out for the day when our suffering will be acknowledged,
when peace will prevail, and
when we can live in the land of our ancestors in freedom and dignity.
In the midst of our pain and lament,
May your presence be our refuge, and
may your love be a source of strength.
Hear our cry O lord, we pray for your embrace. **Amen.**

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