



Sabeel Wave of Prayer

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This prayer ministry enables local and international friends of Sabeel to pray over regional concerns on a weekly basis. Sent to Sabeel's network of supporters, the prayer is used in services around the world and during Sabeel's Thursday Communion service; as each community in its respective time zone lifts these concerns in prayer at noon every Thursday, this "wave of prayer" washes over the world.

Last Sunday morning, Israeli occupation forces surrounded a primary school in the bedouin village of Khan al-Ahmar in the occupied West Bank and delivered a demolition order. The school was built in 2009 with the assistance of an Italian NGO, Vento Di Terra, using ecological methods including construction out of used car-tires.

• Lord, we pray for the courage and steadfastness of the students, teachers and administrative staff of the primary school of Khan al-Ahmar. We remember the parents of the students as they have no choice but to send their children to school. We ask you Lord to be with all people of good will as they work day and night to advocate on behalf of the school to be spared and not become rubble. Lord in your mercy...

A Palestinian family of thirteen is left homeless after they were forced to demolish their own home in the neighborhood of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem. The family demolished their own home in compliance with orders from Israel's Jerusalem municipality to avoid extreme punishment. It is almost impossible to obtain a building permit for Palestinians living under the Israeli occupation, thus forcing the community to build without a building permit as an act of resistance.

• Lord, the people of your city Jerusalem continue to be bullied and harassed by the Israeli occupation. We remember the family of Shweiki and acknowledge their pain. Comfort the family as they become homeless, not by their own hands but by the discriminatory policies of the evil Israeli occupation. Lord in your mercy...

Last Friday, on the 12th anniversary of the popular movement in the village of Bilin, demonstrations were held in the villages of Bil'in, BeitJala, Jabalia, Nilin and Kafr Qaddum in the occupied Palestinian territories. The demonstrations are held to protest the Israeli settlements and the separation wall. Bil'in is one of the most active Palestinian villages in nonviolent protests against the Israeli occupation policies.

• Lord, even in the midst of despair thousands continue to resist the unjust powers that dominate. We give thanks to the organizations, leaders, community members and international supporters who continue to bravely march against an enemy that seems for many as undefeatable. Lord in your mercy...

Fifteen Christian organizations sent a briefing paper to all members of Congress and to the Trump Administration last week calling for U.S. policies that promote peace, justice, and equality between Israelis and Palestinians. [full text is available here](#)

•On the “International Day for Social Justice” we give thanks for the prophetic, honest and brave stand of the fifteen Christian organizations. Lord, may this initiative open the door for other Churches and organizations to follow suit. Lord in your mercy...

• We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of France, Germany and Monaco. Lord in your mercy...