



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 week, three Palestinians, including an 11-year-old boy, were injured when Israeli forces raided Shufat refugee camp in occupied East Jerusalem.

Also last week, three Palestinians were injured in clashes that erupted with Israeli occupation forces after settlers raided Josphe's Tomb in Nablus city.

• Lord, the humiliation and violence of the evil occupation is overwhelming. We pray for the steadfastness of the Palestinian people. May your spirit enlighten us to transform our anger into hard work to achieve the long awaited peace that you have promised.

Lord in your mercy....

The Israeli government is set to approve almost 4,000 new homes in the illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

• Lord, we pray that the international community realizes the insincerity of the Israeli government for a two state solution. Dear God, we remember the Palestinian farmers who continue to have their land confiscated by the greedy Israeli occupier.

Lord in your mercy...

Hamas and Fatah have signed a landmark reconciliation deal in Cairo in a key step towards ending a ten-year-long rift. The deal will see administrative control of the Gaza Strip handed to a Fatah-backed unity government.

• Lord, we thank you for this latest move towards peace and reconciliation among the Palestinian people. We pray that a united Palestinian government will be a step forward to our liberation from the Israeli occupation.

Lord in your mercy...

Palestine's national football team hosted Bhutan for a match in front of 7,250 spectators last week. At the end of the game, the Palestinian National team achieved one of their greatest victories ever, beating Bhutan 10-0 to qualify for the finals of the 2019 AFC Asian Cup in the United Arab Emirates.

• God, we thank you for this opportunity for our young people to feel a sense of pride in what they can achieve, and for the joyous opportunity to join other countries in the world's arena of sports.

Lord, in your mercy...

On Sunday, Israeli settlers stole picked olives from dozens of trees belonging to Palestinian farmers from the occupied West Bank districts of Ramallah and Nablus. Israelis rarely face consequences for such attacks committed against Palestinians.

• Lord, we pray for justice as we suffer from the violence of Israeli settlers. May the Palestinian people continue to stand steadfast in the lands of their ancestors and not lose hope in a peaceful solution.

Lord in your mercy...

• We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.

Lord in your mercy...