



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.

The Global Day of Parents was observed by the UN on Wednesday, the 1st of June. On this day many Palestinian parents will be thinking of their children caught up in the Israeli military court system or grieving for those shot and killed by Israeli soldiers. Sabeel will be hosting the Parents' Circle, an organization which draws together Palestinian and Israeli bereaved families and which recently addressed the UN Security Council, (26.5.22)

Next week Kumi Now will be focusing on the devastation wreaked on Palestinian land by the Israeli occupation, as we mark 'World Environment Day' on Sunday, the 5th of June.

- **Our God, our Creator, we cry out to you as we see the damage done to the Palestinian land and her people under the Israeli occupation. We pray for justice and peace for all people living in the Holy Land and for the restoration of the polluted environment there. Lord, in your mercy..**

The death of Rosemary Radford Ruether was announced on the 21st of May. She was an outspoken theologian whose writings focused on feminist theology, as well as liberation theology, particularly in Latin America and Palestine.

- **Lord, we give thanks for the life and work of Rosemary and pray for her family as they grieve her loss. We are especially thankful for her many years of support for Sabeel and for her advocacy for justice for the Palestinian people. Lord, in your mercy..**

Global Kairos for Asia Pacific Palestinian Solidarity has just published its closing statement summarizing contributions from their recent four day conference, (April 27-30th), based in Taiwan. The group has supporters in more than 21 countries in the Asia/Pacific area and they came together to consider the struggles of different groups of marginalized people and how they could be inspired by the non-violent resistance of the Palestinians living under occupation.

- **'Lord, you work righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed,' (Psalm 103:6). Strengthen us, Lord, and continue to give hope to those facing seemingly hopeless situations, living under regimes intent on depriving them of the right to life, land and livelihood. Lord, in your mercy...**

The US State Department has just removed the ultra-nationalist Israeli group known as 'Kahane Chai' or 'Kach' from its list of foreign terrorist organizations. The founder of the group, Meir Kahane used to advocate openly for Palestinians to be expelled from their homeland. His followers continue to carry out violent attacks.

- **Lord, we pray that civil authorities in the US and around the world will continue to monitor and proscribe groups focused on the unleashing of hatred and racism. Lord, in your mercy..**

A CNN investigation published on Tuesday, the 24th of May, suggested that Palestinian American journalist Shereen Abu Aqleh was killed by targeted Israeli fire. The investigation was based on eleven videos of the incident and eight eye-witness testimonies. The witnesses have discounted the Israeli military claim that there was 'widespread and uncontrolled gunfire' in the area at the time the reporter was shot.

- **Lord, we pray that the international community will carry out a full investigation into Shereen's killing, that the full circumstances will be established and that any perpetrators of violence will be held to account. Lord, in your mercy...**

On Saturday, the 21st of May, Nooran Alhamdan, a Palestinian-American student at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. refused to shake hands with the Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, at her graduation ceremony. She explained that this was in protest against the US support of Israel. Nooran and her classmates carried posters which commemorated Shereen Abu Aqleh, as they went to collect their certificates.

- **Lord, we give thanks for the courage of young Palestinians living in the diaspora who continue to raise their voices in non-violent protest against the violence perpetrated against Palestinians living under Israeli occupation. Lord, in your mercy...**

The Israeli Committee Against Home Demolitions, (ICHAD), continues to monitor and record the number of Palestinian homes, as well as essential structures needed for maintaining livelihood such as barns, cisterns, fencing, which are demolished by the Israeli authorities. There has been an increase in the number of demolitions carried out recently in urban areas, such as in East Jerusalem as well as in more rural areas such as the Jordan Valley and in the Salfit area in Palestine.

- **Lord, we pray that international governments and organizations will challenge the land clearance and the demolition of Palestinian homes and property being carried out with such rapacity by the Israeli authorities. Lord, in your mercy...**

- **We join with the World Council of Churches in their prayers for the countries of Angola and Mozambique. Lord, in your mercy...**