



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.

Kumi Now marks the 'International Day of the World's Indigenous People' on Tuesday, the 9th of August. Recent history is full of evidence to establish Palestinian claims of indigenous status. The Nakba and its consequences, dispossession of land, forced exile, the denial of history and culture are experiences similar to those suffered by other indigenous people around the world.

- **Lord, we pray for the indigenous populations of the world as they raise their voices and hold on to their distinct identities in the face of colonial powers. Lord, in your mercy...**

A six-year-old boy, Hasan al-Abayat was grabbed by Israeli soldiers and kept for more than an hour in Kisan in the Bethlehem District. B'Tselem reports that soldiers came to his home on Saturday, the 25th of June, to question his father Musa, the head of the village council. Earlier in the day Musa had supervised a peaceful protest over the pungent smell generated by a waste recycling plant at the nearby settlement of Ma'ale Amos. Family and friends tried to rescue Hasan, but the soldiers threw stun grenades at them to fend them off. The young child was finally released when his father returned from work and he was then frisked, interrogated and detained.

- **Lord, it is harrowing to think of Hasan, such a young child, terrorized by fully armed soldiers and separated from his family. We pray for the al-Abayat family and for the trauma they recently suffered. We pray for the residents of Kisan whose daily lives are blighted by pollution coming from the nearby settlement. Lord in your mercy...**

In another report B'Tselem has provided witness statements about assaults being carried out by Israeli forces on mourners at Palestinian funerals. Since the date of Shireen Abu Akleh's funeral on Friday, the 13th of May, there have been violent assaults by Israeli forces at three other Palestinian funerals. Israeli forces have used clubs, tear gas, stun grenades and sponge rounds on Palestinian mourners.

- **Lord, we pray for all those Palestinian families who attended family funerals and experienced violent assaults from the Israeli authorities. We pray for the families and friends who suffered this contempt at the funerals of Shireen Abu Akleh, Walid a-Sharif, Ghufran Warasnah and Nayfeh a-Tous. We pray that the Israeli authorities will leave the Palestinian people to mourn their loved ones in peace. Lord, in your mercy...**

Hundreds of Palestinian lawyers held a street protest on Thursday, the 25th of July, against the Palestinian Authority's 'rule by decree' and condemned President Abbas for governing without a parliament. Suhail Ashour, the newly-elected President of the Palestinian Bar Association stated that the rights of Palestinians are at risk when new decrees are being imposed by very few lawmakers.

- **Lord, we pray that Palestinians will be able to participate fully in their own governance through free and fair presidential and legislative elections.
Lord, in your mercy.**

The former Deputy Chief of the Israeli Police Investigation Department, (PID), Moshe Saada has revealed in a recent television interview that he was subjected to pressure to close down an investigation into the killing of Ya'akub Abu al Qi'an in 2017.

Israeli police shot and killed Abu al-Qi'an, a 50-year-old Bedouin Maths teacher, during the home demolition operation at the village of Umm al-Hiran in the Naqab.

- **Lord, we pray for the family of Ya'akub Abu al Qi'an as they seek to discover the true circumstances surrounding his death. We pray that the Israeli police and military authorities will stop granting immunity to their officers for the killing of Palestinians.
Lord, in your mercy..**

On Sunday, the 24th of July, two people were killed and twelve were injured by the bombardment of Ayia Sofia Church as it was being inaugurated in Syria's province of Hama. The attack on the church comes just two days after bombs killed seven people in the rebel-held Idlib region.

- **Lord, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Syria and especially those who attended the inauguration of Ayia Sofia Church, only to witness more bloodshed. Lord, we pray for an end to violence in Syria, eleven years since war broke out. We pray that Syrians will be able to restore their communities and once again live in peace and security.
Lord, in your mercy ...**
- **We join with the World Council of Churches in their prayers for the countries of the Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe.
Lord, in your mercy...**