



# 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.

Confrontations between Israel and Hezbollah continue despite the U.S.-brokered ceasefire agreement, with Israeli attacks in southern Lebanon killing so far 3,613 people, including UNIFIL peacekeepers, and injuring 11,072 others. The violence has expanded regionally, with Iran and Yemen launching missiles toward Israel and Israel responding with strikes on Iran.

- **God of the poor, we hold onto the Psalmist's words that "God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day." (Psalm 7:11-12). Help us to not become immune to death and suffering, but to channel our righteous anger towards dismantling structural sin. Lord, deliver the people from their oppression and sober up the powerful who are drunk on power. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer**

The Israeli army has detained four female Birzeit University students following a series of overnight raids across the Ramallah area as part of a growing pattern of targeting students and academic institutions in the occupied West Bank. The detainees were identified as Jolan Abu Awwad, who was seized after Israeli soldiers stormed student housing in Birzeit, north of Ramallah; Sama Safi, taken from her family home in Ramallah; Leila Na'el Khalil, forcibly taken from her home in Beitunia, west of the city; and Natalie Abu Diah, who was seized from her family residence in Birzeit. On the same night as the student arrests, at least 31 Palestinians were detained across the occupied West Bank in a series of raids, including several former prisoners.

- **Divine Creator, the full extent of our suffering cannot be fully articulated to the world. We know you see all evil deeds, whether they are committed in the day or in the dark of prison cells. Protect those who have been kidnapped and detained and bring them freedom and justice. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer**

Israel's finance minister Bezalel Smotrich announced on Wednesday a major expansion by more than 2,000 homes of three Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank. The plans include 1,006 units near Jerusalem, 922 near Nablus and 234 near Hebron.

- **Holy God, we identify with the story of Naboth's vineyard. As our land which is the source of our dignity and life is slowly being stolen from us, we cry out for you to intervene. Lord, be with the communities of the West Bank, and help us steward your good creation by resisting the expansion of illegal settlements. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer**

The Interfaith Action for Palestine is organizing an interfaith coalition of organizations to counter Christians United for Israel's (CUFI) Annual Lobby Summit next month, July 5-7, 2025 in Washington DC. CUFI is the largest "pro-Israel" organization in the United States that promotes hawkish, Christian supremacist, and genocidal policies. FOSNA and other faith organizations joined together last year to mobilize hundreds in Washington, DC to disrupt CUFI's supremacist agenda. To sign up this year, please visit [interfaithforpalestine.com](http://interfaithforpalestine.com)

- **God of Justice, we thank you for the Holy Spirit who is working creatively to confront theologies of violence with messages of love, solidarity, and justice. We know you see the hard work of those who creatively resist. May you reward them with a stronger commitment towards justice and embolden them as they work to dismantle structures of oppression, bearing true witness to the incarnated Christ who humbles rulers and lifts up the oppressed. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer**

The Institute for the Study of Christian Zionism hosts an ongoing podcast series called "Bad Theology Busted." In the podcast, ISCZ speaks with theologians and others on Christian Zionism and ways to combat it. The podcast can be accessed on [studychristianzionism.org](http://studychristianzionism.org).

- **God of Peace, we are thankful for the work of the Institute for the Study of Christian Zionism for the creative ways in which they contribute to the struggle for liberation, justice, and peace in Palestine. We lift them up as they continue to fight the good fight. Lord, help us spread the work of ISCZ and Sabeel, promoting their vision of just peace and working for that just peace in our world. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer**
- **We join the World Council of Churches in their prayers for Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Eswatini. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayers**