



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.

Hunter Farrell, Ben Hartley, and Al Tizon—who traveled to Jerusalem with Sabeel- will host a panel featuring Palestinian Christian theologian Dr. Tony Deik. The panel will be centered around questions about church complicity and Christian accompaniment in the Holy Land.

- **God of love, we give thanks to all who have broken bread and accompanied us in our suffering and oppression. We pray that their continued prophetic witness will inspire the church to be closer to justice, inclusivity, and peace. Embolden us that we may live out the words of Prophet Isaiah: “Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow’s cause.” (Isaiah 1:17) Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer**

Four demonstrators with the group Palestine Action were sentenced as terrorists after being convicted for causing damage at an Israeli weapons factory in 2024 to protest the genocide in Gaza. Although three of the four had only been convicted of property damage, the judge pursued a legal first for Britain by sentencing the four defendants as terrorists. During the trial, the defendants were not allowed to explain the reason for their actions as part of the trial, nor were jurors informed that the defendants could later receive sentences for terrorism. The terrorism designation means that defendants will have to serve a minimum of two-thirds of their sentences in prison and will be required to register as terrorists with the police for the next 15 years.

- **Liberator Christ, you know what it is like to face the injustice of empire. In our despair at a system that benefits from war and punishes those who speak out against war, we remember that you are a God who loves justice, who “reveals the deep things of darkness and brings utter darkness into the light.” (Job 12:22) Be with those who are imprisoned and those who protest, and let their examples encourage others to speak louder against injustice. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer**

The FIFA World Cup is taking place this month in North America. At a moment that should celebrate unity and fraternity through sport, it also highlights global inequalities, as people holding weaker passports continue to face barriers to entering the United States and many, including people affiliated with FIFA, have been denied entry into the country. Palestinian athletes have not been spared from the nearly two-year-long war in Gaza. 672 Palestinian athletes have been killed by Israeli forces, including 324 affiliated with the Palestinian Football Association.

- **Holy God, illuminate the world that the structural injustices and racism of our systems run counter to your truth that all human life is precious, and every life is a universe. Help us to live this truth daily by being witnesses and prophetic voices against injustice. Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer**

The Israeli military plans to establish a permanent military base in Jenin in the occupied West Bank. It would be the first permanent military base since the Oslo Accords and will be built in Area A, territory that, under the Oslo framework, falls under Palestinian civil and security jurisdiction. Israeli occupation authorities claim the new site is intended to replace the military's current practice of operating from Palestinian homes and to facilitate what they described as a long-term operational presence in the area. Since the beginning of Israeli military operations in the northern West Bank, more than 33,000 Palestinians have been displaced from their homes.

- **Divine Creator, we come to you afraid and broken. We ask you to make your presence known to the 33,000 Palestinians who have been stripped of their homes. We ask you to protect the most vulnerable among us who suffer from daily military assaults, airstrikes, and violence. As we bring our deep fears and anxieties to you, we ask the Spirit to fill us with resolute faith and steadfastness so that we may be seekers of your goodness, justice, and liberation at all times. 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**