

## PRAYER FOR ISRAEL & PALESTINE

### God of Comfort

Send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are being torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine.

You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the One whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression. Let our hearts mourn rather than militarize.

### God of Justice

Give strength to those whose long work for a just peace might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve. Do not let them feel alone. Show us how to support their work and bolster their courage. Guide religious leaders to model unity and reconciliation across lines of division. Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they pursue peace. Help all people choose the rigorous path towards a just peace and disavow revenge and violence.

### God of Love

We lift up Palestine and Israel — its people, its land, its creatures. War is a monster that consumes everything in its path. Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies. Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries. We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.

May we daily say these words from a psalm which all three religions of Abraham honor: “Pray, pray for the peace of Jerusalem...” Psalm 122 v. 6

