

'A Prayer for the Israel-Palestine Conflict' by Aux-Lieutenant Rosy Keane

God of our planet, heavens and all eternity,

We turn our prayers to each of the humans you have created, who are involved in the Israel-Palestine conflict happening right now,

We know that you know them each by name.

We pray Lord have mercy.

We pray for the mothers and fathers who have lost children already to the fighting. We think of the scripture in Matthew 2:18, "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." You are a God not unfamiliar with our suffering in times of war and persecution. Draw close to them and bring them solace in their loss.

We pray Christ have mercy.

We pray for those who have loved ones who are sick, injured, in danger and in hostile environments. Those in hospitals, care homes, unable to move or flee. We know that you are a God who moves in the unseen. Restore their safety and health we pray.

We pray Lord have mercy.

God, for those inflamed tensions, retaliations, fighting, fear, and attacks right now. We pray you bind the forces of evil that would cause loss of life, murder and maiming. We know our battle isn't against flesh and blood. We pray you turn back the Enemy as he seeks to kill, steal, and destroy.

We pray Christ have mercy.

Jesus, walk amongst your people in the great divide happening right now. We pray that peace will fall upon the heads of each person in that land, and those related to conflict in lands far away. We pray peace will dwell in their hearts, thoughts, and communications. Only you can do this magnificent thing, for your glory and your name's sake we pray.

We pray Lord have mercy.