

A message to the churches in Canada and Canadians for this World Week of Prayer for Peace

Opportunity to highlight and amplify our existing partnership and advocacy work for just peace in Palestine and Israel.

We highly appreciate the unconditional love of the Canadians and the prophetic work and voice of the Canadian churches. Indeed , I can see your work contextualized in what Isaiah says :

*“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and please the widow’s cause,” (Isaiah 1:17).*

*Definitely, through our partnership we are able to tackle justice on all levels. Besides the spirituality of Justice, we are keen on bringing righteousness on the social, economic and political levels.*

*Through our joint work, we are also correcting injustice suffered, affirming the rights of the marginalized and oppressed, and bringing out the voices and cries of the voiceless. Our Lord says, “whatever you do for the least of my sisters and brothers you are doing it for me”.*

*Your healing and steadfast love, your empathy and compassion strengthen us in our every walk and talk. your support and empowerment enhances our hope , casts out our fear and fights to build resilience against the feeling of hopelessness and helplessness.*

*We hope one day to give the world what is given to us so freely with gratitude. Today, we are still at the receiving end. We want to launch our initiatives for global partnership where we will be an active partner and not only recipients. what is left for us is to pray together:*

*Our almighty God, take away this heavy burden from us whether it be annexation, land confiscation, or many of the*

*other faces of injustice in Palestine and around the world... Please, we ask our Lord, that you help us in stopping any unilateral creating of facts on the ground and any human rights violations, whether based on nationality, race, religions, sex, gender, or other.*

*Our savior please help us ALL lead lives of dignity and integrity. Help us in realizing that we should all assume responsibilities without needless blaming, pointing of the finger, enhancing guilt in others, or dwelling on victimhood. We are called to bring social justice and work for gender mainstreaming and gender Justice.*

*Lord open the eyes of the powers to be and help them to see what we seek is justice and only justice.*

*Lord, we are all created and born into your loving image. Circumstances, environment, and experiences have shaped much of our lives, moving us further from that image of Good which we were created in. Lord, in helping free the oppressed, and in bringing justice to the marginalized, help guide us ALL back to the loving image of Good in which we were created; Help guide us back to Your Image, Oh God! Amen.*

*“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.” (Psalm 89:14).*

*“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute,” (Psalm 82:3).*

*“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).*

*“But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others,” (Luke 11:42).*