

## **An Urgent Prayer for Peace**

God of compassion,  
We turn to you with heavy hearts  
As we consider the needs of your family.  
Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people,  
Each of us loved by You  
And called to live in peace and justice.  
We lament the dreadful loss of life,  
Destruction of property and loss of human dignity.  
We are pained by so much suffering.  
We beg you to bring healing to this ancient place.  
Help your people find a way forward.  
Enable everyone to look each other in the eye,  
And embrace each other as sisters and brothers,  
As they find your image in every face.  
We ask that courage and grace  
Will help create a wiser and more gentle future,  
Where everyone has a home.  
God of wisdom, come to our aid.  
Amen.

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