



World Day of Prayer 2024

Palestine

"I beg you ... bear with one another in love"

"Praying Palestinian Women"

Worship Service

Welcome and Greetings

SALUTATION AND RESPONSE

Leader : *We gather in the Name of the Triune God: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.*

All: **Amen.**

Leader : *God be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER followed by **HYMN**

✦ 408

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Leader *Let us read (or sing) together "Yarabba ssalami" (Yar-a-ba Sa-la-mee), a traditional Palestinian song which translates as "God of Peace".*

All: **God of peace, come among us, rain down your peace on the world.**

Make a path for your goodness, fill every heart with your peace.

Leader *Let us continue in prayer with the words of Psalm 85.
Lord, ... the fortunes of Jacob.*

All: You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sins.

Leader *You withdrew ... fierce anger.*

All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your displeasure toward us.

Leader *Will you ... to all generations?*

All: Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?

Leader *Show us ... your salvation.*

All: I will listen to what you have to say, God, a voice
that speaks of peace, peace for your people and
your friends so long as they don't return to their
folly.

Leader Your salvation ... will dwell in our land.

All: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader Faithfulness will ... from the sky.

All: The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

Leader *Justice will march before you, God,*

All: And peace will prepare the way for your steps.

Leader *We will now read (or sing) "Yarabba ssalami" again.*

All: (See earlier text)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader *Let us praise God who brings us together to worship in
love and unity*

All: Unity in the Triune God, transcending
differences in views and theological
interpretations.

Leader *Let us remember ... patience and love.*

All: We confess our weakness and failure to accept
others without judging them.

Leader *With humility ... community and churches.*

All: With gentleness and love, we overcome
everything. We remain strong in our faith,
knowing that we belong to God. Amen.

GOSPEL READING followed by A STORY OF RESILIENCE

EPISTLE READING followed by DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

SILENT MEDITATION & Invitation to Pray for Middle East

713

HYMN followed by A STORY OF TRUTH TELLING

574

HYMN followed by INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Leader: *Please repeat "hear out prayer" when I pause.*

All: Hear our prayer (will be repeated 7 times)

THE LORD'S PRAYER followed by A STORY OF FLOURISHING

OFFERTORY followed by OFFERING HYMN 688

PRAYER followed by SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORDS OF COMMITMENT

Leader

Please join me ... the commitment of your heart.

All:

May we commit to working for peace as we stand with all women, particularly those experiencing oppression, violence, or discrimination.

May we be faithful advocates for decision makers working on all levels of society, including religious institutions.

May we bear with one another in love until God's justice and peace reign throughout the whole world.

Leader

Let us go now and be agents of peace and justice.

CLOSING HYMN & BLESSING

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Postlude



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called to action ♯
De la foi à l'action*

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