



LORD OF PEACE, GIVE US YOUR PROMISED PEACE: THE PRAYER OF FATHER MANUEL MUSALLAM

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"Lord, may we hear the cry of the victims of conflict, especially today, those voices rising from Gaza. Forgive our deafness, open our ears and hearts to the anguish and distress of our neighbor. And we join in the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Gaza. But you, God, in whom we trust, do not keep your good grace from us. Do not stand so far away"(Psalm 10:1).

Lord Jesus, when You passed through Gaza, fleeing Herod's threat, we protected You. We fed You. We warmed Your weakened body. Please come back to Gaza and help us. Give us Your promised Peace. Do not forget Your people: 200 Catholics, 3,500 Orthodox, 30 Baptists, 10 Anglicans and a million and a half Muslims.

Have mercy on us, God. Give us peace based on justice, growth and charity. Make us understand these words: "Rejoice in hope. Endure in distress. Devote yourselves assiduously to prayer" (Romans 12:12).

Strengthen us in our distress "so that, through the encouragement we ourselves receive from God, we may encourage those who are in all kinds of distress!" (2 Corinthians 1:4).

Lord, even if we are thirsty for peace and hungry for justice, "who will separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall distress, anguish, persecution, hunger, want, peril, or the sword?" (Romans 8:35).

We are Yours. Save us! Lord of Peace, rain Peace upon us. Lord of Peace, grant Peace to our land. Have mercy, Lord, on all Your people! But do not leave us, Lord, in enmity forever!"

Amen.

Father Musallam's message to Gaza and the world...

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