



PRAYER LETTER 67

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On October 7th, 2023; the spark of violence in Levant started this time from the tiny corner of Gaza strip on the Mediterranean coast.

It was followed by support militant operations from southern Lebanon.

The battlefield of violence & counter violence expanded to include several spots in the Middle East.

The whole world held its breath fearing the outbreak of a regional & international war. Some leaders tried to convince the conflicting parties to minimize their actions & reactions of violence.

The escalation of violence has led so far to massive destructions in Gaza strip & several parts of Lebanon where many buildings were demolished to flatten level; huge displacements for millions of civilians; tens of thousands of casualties & a major humanitarian crisis.

The already impoverished people & countries of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria & Iran can't endure another crisis of any kind.

Their involvement in this struggle has made their living conditions even worst & beyond imagination.

Peace through violence, wars & victory in the model of "Pax Romana vs fanatics Zealots" has proven to be devastating & a lull before the storm.

Peace through non-violence, dialogue, distributive, restorative, non-retributive justice in the model of Jesus is the lasting & true peace.

Loving God;

As we continue to witness the heartbreaking wars in several places like the Middle East & Ukraine, where the language of violent injustice, wars & victory overcomes your divine language - revealed in Jesus - the language of non-violent justice, peace, dialogue & reconciliation.

We come to you at this time & place of turmoil where innocent people – because of wars - suffer the displacement, destruction, hunger, poverty & death.

We trust in your promise that you stand with all those suffering and seek your help.

You have called us & every member of your church to be your light & salt, to be the channels of your peace, to be your prophetic voice in the face of injustice, to be your healing hands;

Thus; we put ourselves into your hands to strengthen us to feed the hungry, to water the thirsty, to receive the stranger, to cloth the naked, to look after the sick.

We pray for the world leaders to guide them to model Jesus in working for peace & justice for the whole humanity & creation.

Help us, as we witness to the culture of life in the face of the culture of death.

In Jesus name, we pray, Amen.

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