## Prayer Petitions in support of our partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

## From ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson and Anglican Church of Canada Primate and Archbishop Linda Nicholls (October 11)

In the face of grief and violence we offer this prayer:

God of peace and justice, our hearts weep as the rockets fall in Israel and Gaza, as families are bereaved, as men, women and children are taken hostage, as anger and hatred are fueled again.

In the land you chose for your people and your Son we pray for those bereaved by the violence, for the wounded and injured, for the hostages, that your love will surround and comfort them.

We pray for strength and compassion, for all offering medical care, especially our partners, the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital and Augusta Victoria Hospital.

We pray for Bishop Sani Azar and Archbishop Hosam Naoum and all Christians in the Holy Land for their safety and their leadership in this time of crisis.

We pray for all leaders in Israel and Palestine that a just and lasting peace will be found.

In the midst of our grief and sorrow we trust in your unfailing love for all people, and for your Land, and ask that your wisdom would prevail, for we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings the world eternal peace.

Amen.

From ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson, BC Synod Bishop Kathy Martin, ABT Synod Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, SK Synod Bishop Sid Haugen, MNO Synod Bishop Jason Zinko, Eastern Synod Bishop Michael Pryse (October 20)

God of peace, we pray for peace between Israel and Hamas. We pray for leaders on both sides that their hearts would be changed and there would be a peaceful ending to this war. God of comfort and strength, we pray for all those who have suffered in this war – those who mourn, the injured, those who live in fear. We pray for those who continue to try to provide aid and medical care – workers who risk their lives. Bring us all hope, bring us all strength, bring us all peace. In your holy and life-giving name we pray.

Amen.

## ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson and Anglican Church of Canada Primate and Archbishop Linda Nicholl (November 17)

We pray for an immediate ceasefire, for a release of hostages, and an end to Israel's occupation of all Palestinian Territories. We pray for those in authority that their decisions and actions bear the fruit of peace, justice and sanctity of all life for Palestinians and Israelis. We pray for our Christian partners in the Land of the Holy One, and their Muslim and Jewish neighbours who inspire the world with their steadfast hope and faithfulness.

ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson, Anglican Church of Canada Primate and Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Evangelical Lutheran in America Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, The Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (November 29)

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. (Psalm 80:3)