



Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday Worship
Resources: Sentences, Prayers and Hymns

2024

Sentences

I will not leave you desolate, I will console you.

—*John 14: 18*

Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, O God, Whose heart is set on the pilgrim way.

—*Psalm 84:5*

I was glad when they said unto me “Let us go into the house of the Lord” And now our feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem.”

—*Psalm 122:2*

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you!

—*Psalm 122*

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and those crushed in spirit.

—*Psalm 34: 18*

Prayers

Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday

Written by the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz

O God, we give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth.

We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East.

Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples.

Grace those who proclaim the Gospel.

Guide all who teach a new generation of young people.

Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them.

Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One.

And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful.

We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Written by Bishop John Chapman, updated for 2024

Blessed are you Lord our God creator of the universe, you give us the gift of faith, so that we might live in the hope and promise of your strength and presence in all things.

You give us the heritage and obedience of our patriarchs and matriarchs, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel, the prophet Miriam, Moses, and all the prophets, steadfast and faithful stewards of your will, witnesses to your saving presence in all generations.

You give us the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ so that we might be pure in heart, loved, forgiven.

You gift us the gift of your Holy Spirit which blows where it cannot be shut, filling the hearts of the baptised and all those who seek the Lord.

While we as children of Jesus, our mother and father, are small in number, you give us courageous hearts and a determined spirit as we seek peace and justice for all God's children, and especially the children of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

You give us the desire and courage to seek justice and peace among all nations, particularly this day in the Land of the Holy One and *the city of our living God, the heavenly Jerusalem:*

*“... pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your
walls, And security within your towers.”*

You give us faithful residents and pilgrims who gather each day in the Holy City and in the churches, pilgrimage sites and communities that surround the Holy City, Thanking God for God’s presence and our redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ.

You give us faithful bishops in the Diocese of Jerusalem; Archbishop Hosam Naoum; in the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, Bishop Ibrahim Azar; who remind us constantly of our need to give thanks for God’s presence and blessing.

You give us the awareness and appreciation that the prayers of the faithful are to be expressed in action and holy work.

You give us people who do not merely consider peace, the hungry, and those experiencing injustice; but rather protect the disenfranchised and nourish the hungry with their own hands.

You give us all those who need our attention and our prayers.

You give us the baptised everywhere who gather for Eucharist, mission and teaching, especially those gathered this morning as we celebrate together the ministry of our sister Diocese of Jerusalem.

Blessed are you Lord our God,
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Litany A

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you! (Psalm 122.6) Let us pray to God, the Holy Spirit, saying;

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the Church here and everywhere. For our Bishops and leaders, for our Clergy and teachers,

for the Anglican Communion around the world and, particularly today, for the church in Jerusalem, for Archbishop Hosam Naoum, and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Bishop Ibrahim Azar and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and The Holy land, that all may proclaim your word of peace and reconciliation.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for justice and peace on earth. For leaders of this country of Canada and for leaders of all nations, particularly remembering today Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. May peace and harmony abundantly bless these achingly beautiful and historic places of your Creation, O God.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit: hear us as we pray for the holy city of Jerusalem. Bring to those who lead Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities a spirit of cooperation and collaboration as this ancient and blessed city continues to be 'holy' for us all.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit, be with all those in need. We pray for victims of war and violence, for refugees and captives, for all who are afflicted or oppressed, that they may be held in your healing power. We pray especially for the children in your Holy Land who have experienced tremendous loss—loss of friends, loved ones, family members, siblings, parents. We pray for those who have died . . . that they may live eternally in God's presence, and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

(add other local biddings)

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen and ascended Lord. **Amen.**

Litany B

In thanksgiving, let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and life, saying, "We give you thanks, O Lord God."

For the Anglican Church of Canada and the Anglican Communion of which we are a part, for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, for our Full Communion partner the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and for the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, for their faithful witness in a difficult time and for their commitment to peace and reconciliation, and today, for the ministries of all who give witness through the materiality of faith—clergy and caregivers, physicians, nurses and health practitioners, teachers, researchers, administrators, organizers and more.

We give you thanks, O Lord God.

For the ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, for institutions of education and healing, witness and reconciliation, the work of peace making and service to those in need. We pray especially the sacrificial service of the Al Ahli Arab Hospital Gaza, Augusta Victoria Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Andrew's Diabetes Clinic, Penman Clinic, Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, Holy Land Institute for the Deaf, Jofeh Community Rehab Centre, St. Luke's Rehab Centre, Birzeit Elderly Home and Community Centre, and Ashrafieh Elderly People's Home.

We give you thanks, O Lord God.

For the beauty of the land of the Holy One, for the generous hospitality of the Christian community, for opportunities to share our stories and walk together on our pilgrim journey,

We give you thanks, O Lord God.

For all the blessings of this life, for strength in adversity, for comfort in sorrow, for grace to serve,

We give you thanks, O Lord God.

For the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray,
We give thanks, O Lord God. Amen.

Psalm Prayers from the BAS:

Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the new Jerusalem. Bring all nations into your kingdom to share your gifts, that they may render thanks to

you without end and may come to your eternal city, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**
(Psalm 122)

God of eternal light, open our eyes to the vision of your holy city coming down from heaven; make our hearts sensitive to your presence, and our wills eager to join in the comfort and healing you bring to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** (Psalm 87)

God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
(Psalm 78)

[Prayers from Other Sources](#)

2023 Advent Cycle of Prayer, Churches Beyond Borders

Hymns

From Common Praise:

- CP 278 Jerusalem the Golden
- CP 472 Let There Be Light
- CP 575 Let Streams of Living Justice
- CP 418 Draw The Circle Wide
- CP 576 For the Healing of the Nations
- CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (.. Zion city of our God..)
- CP 596 O Holy City Seen of John
- CP 157 Rise Up and Shine
- CP 393 The Servant Song

From Sing a New Creation (Anglican supplement)

- 127 - A Voice was Heard in Ramah
- 133 - When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

- 134 - When the Hungry Who Have Nothing
- 136 - When our Song says Peace

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship:

- 752 - Lord, listen to your children praying
- 704 - When Pain of the World Surrounds Us
- 546 - To Be Your Presence
- 628 - Jerusalem, My Happy Home

From All Creation Sings (Lutheran Supplement)

- 1056 - God Bless to us Our Bread
- 1057 - What Does the Lord Require of You
- 1062 - Build a Longer Table

From other sources:

- Sent By The Lord Am I (Iona Community, GIA Publications)
- Lord, When You Came to the Seashore (Gather 781)
- Christ, Be Our Light (Gather 590)