

Palm Sunday

The Prayers of the People

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During Lent the Holy Landers Ministry Network offers these Prayers of the People to pray for all people and especially for the people of our Holy Land served by the ministries of the *American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)* and *Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB)*.

Deacon: On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. We follow along the steep road into Jerusalem as pilgrims continue to do, recalling the love poured out for all. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

Intercessor: For the whole church throughout the world, its bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, particularly for the Diocese of Jerusalem churches of Saviour Church in Kufr-Yasif and Redeemer Church in Jabal Amman and for their *AFEDJ* partners, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For those who are preparing for baptism, and for their teachers and sponsors. For schools everywhere, especially the Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Center School in Ramallah, Palestine, that helps ensure West Bank children and adolescents have a future and a reason to hope, for the Diocese of Jerusalem and *AFEDJ* who partner together in support of this ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For peace among nations and forbearance among all people, for the building of hope in our Holy Land. For *Jerusalem Peacebuilders'* programs that teach Christian, Jewish, and Muslim young people to open the windows between them and learn how to listen to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, for the less than 2% Christian population of Israel/Palestine, most of whom are ethnic Palestinians and

some of whom have been in the region since the original Apostles, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For the weary, for the sick, for those who are consumed with sorrow, for the forgotten, for the isolated, for those in our Holy Land still living in refugee camps, and for all who have commended themselves to us for any need, [*especially N.*], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For all who are in harm's way, [*especially N.*]. For all who risk being in interfaith dialogue with those different from themselves and who seek peace in our Holy Land. We give thanks for programs like *Jerusalem Peacebuilders* that connect young people to grow spiritually, personally, and intellectually, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For all who have died, [*especially N.*], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

We give thanks for all the departed who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. For ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***