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### CALL TO PRAYER

The recent developments in Gaza and Israel have profoundly shocked the international community in many different ways. We observe that the ongoing conflicts in the region have inflicted deep suffering and devastating consequences upon the people, amidst complex territorial disputes and longstanding hostility. In the process, many lives have been affected and tragically lost. We are calling the Church to intercede fervently and pray for healing over the afflicted, restoration and for a peaceful solution to the deteriorating crisis.

*Dear Lord, Creator of all human beings. We are all fearfully and wonderfully created in Your own image and likeness. We agree with Your words that human lives are precious in Your sight. We are deeply saddened by the effects of wars and conflict in Gaza and Israel, killing many lives, displacing many families, destroying many homes. We pray for those who have lost their loved ones in this current conflict. Lord, in their grief, comfort them with Your peace which surpasses all understanding. Heal their souls from bitterness and envelop them with Your love. Insulate their hearts from hatred, and grant them the grace so needful to move on in their lives. Defend them, O Lord, those who are defenseless. Protect the people living in the region from the harm of war.*

*We pray for the supply of all that are needed: food, medical aids, financial assistance, acts of kindness and mercy, shelters for those who have lost their homes, and the peaceful passage of humanitarian personnel into the region. O Lord, we pray that the international community will contribute to the de-escalating of tension among parties in conflict. Lord, would you intervene in situations where they are beyond the reach of human efforts, that a long term peaceful solution can be achieved. Make us, Your Church, O Lord an instrument of Your peace, where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is offence, pardon; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy, where there is pain, consolation.*

*Lord, look upon all those who are suffering with Your compassion. Save us Lord, and help them those who are helpless. In the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

May the Lord guide you by His Holy Spirit as you remember Gaza and Israel in your prayers.

With every blessing in Christ,

**The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais**

*(Primate of the Church of the Province of South East Asia, Bishop of Sabah)*

**The Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute**

*(Bishop of Kuching)*

**The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung Khiam Boon**

*(Bishop of Singapore)*

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*(Bishop of West Malaysia)*

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### 祷告的呼吁

最近加沙和以色列的情况在许多方面震撼了国际社会。该区域长期的冲突，在复杂的领土纠纷以及长期的对峙与敌视中，使人民饱受煎熬，并给他们带来致命的伤害。在这期间，不单许多人受到影响，许多生命也因而丧失。我们呼吁教会热切地向上帝祷告，祈求上帝医治受害者，重建关系，使恶化中的危机得以和平地解决。

*亲爱的上帝，人类的创造主，我们是您以自己的形象和样式造的，是您奇妙可畏的作为。您的圣言告诉我们，在您眼中我们的生命是珍贵的。我们为加沙和以色列的冲突和战争给人们所带来的痛苦 - 为生命的丧失、家庭的分离，家园的摧毁，深感悲痛。我们为在这次冲突中失去他们所爱的人的人们祷告。上帝啊，在他们的悲痛中，求您赐予您超乎一切理解的平安，安慰他们。求您医治他们的灵，不单消除他们的怨恨与苦楚，更以您的爱环绕他们，使他们的心不再有仇恨，但有极需的恩慈继续生活。主啊，求您保护那些没有防卫能力的人们，求您保护生活在这区域的人们不遭受战争的侵害。*

*我们祈求所需的一切物资，包括食物、医疗援助、经济支援、善行义举、为失去家园者提供的庇护所，以及为人道支援人员提供的安全渠道，都能够进入该区域。上帝啊，求您使国际社会能对缓和紧张的局势做出贡献。求主介入人所不及之处，使和平的长远目标得以实现。让我们，您的教会成为您缔造和平的工具，在有仇恨的地方，播送友爱；在有冒犯的地方，给予宽恕；在有失望的地方，唤起希望；在有黑暗的地方，放射光明；在有忧伤的地方，散佈喜乐；在有痛苦的地方，致以安慰。*

*求主怜悯所有在苦痛中的人们。求主拯救我们，也帮助无助的人们。我们以救主耶稣基督宝贵的圣名祈求。阿们。*

在你为加沙和以色列祈求时，愿上帝藉着圣灵，指引你的祷告。

愿基督赐予你们祂丰盛的恩典，

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