



# Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

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10<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

## **Re: Prayers for Peace in Israel and Palestine**

I know you will join me in being profoundly shocked and saddened by the terrorist attack by Hamas militants in southern Israel which began on the Jewish holiday of Simchat Tora. Such aggression upon innocent people cannot be justified.

As the violence escalates, we express our deep sympathy and solidarity with the families of innocent victims on both sides of this bloody conflict.

We join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Israel and Palestine and reiterate his call to *“stop the attacks and to understand that terrorism and war do not lead to any solution, but only to the death and suffering of many innocent people”*.

On behalf of Archbishop O'Regan, I ask you to include prayers for the victims of this conflict and a peaceful solution in Masses this weekend.

The below prayer has been kindly provided by Fr Maurice Shinnick.

May the present crisis of violence across the Holy Land, between Palestinians and Israelis, come to a speedy end so that, with the help of other nations, dialogue can lead to peace and justice.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We also pray for the men, women and children taken hostage, and for all those people experiencing terror and anguish at this time.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dean Marin  
**Vicar General**