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Mission Partner prayer and update Embrace the Middle East

Revd Su McClellan, Embrace's Senior Church Engagement Manager, writes:

In the West Bank the death toll is rising as settlers go on the rampage and Palestinian towns and villages are raided by the IDF (Israeli Defence Forces). They are worried about the presence of people from Gaza, who had permits to work in Israel before 7 October and are now unable to get back. The IDF have been rounding these people up and imprisoning them. All West Bank towns and villages are cut off from each other. No one can get in and no one can leave. The levels of fear amongst both Israelis and Palestinians is making the situation so much worse. As you can imagine, getting information is difficult at the present time but I promise you that as soon as I have news from Jericho I will let you know. For regular updates on the situation you can get to our website - [click here](#). Please do bear with us and continue to pray for our colleagues in Israel and Palestine. Our friend Sami lost both his parents in the attack on the Orthodox Church last week. Thank you so very much for your compassion and concern. We really do appreciate it so very much....*Blessings, Su.*

Would you pray with us:

God of light and salvation, our refuge and our strength,
we pray for the people of Israel and Palestine amid escalating violence.

We pray for those killed and injured by rockets from Gaza in southern Israel.
May your rod and staff comfort them.

We pray for those who are grieving. May they know your ever-present help. We pray for the
protection of those who have been taken hostage by Hamas.
As they walk through this dark valley, may they fear no evil.

We pray for the civilians of Gaza. May they know that their help comes from the Maker of heaven
and earth. We especially remember all of those who have been killed and wounded in Gaza
today - may you comfort and heal those who are in pain and those who have lost loved ones.

And we pray for those in leadership in Gaza and Israel.
May you guide them along the right paths.
We ask all this in union with Christ
and trusting in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

on behalf of the Mission Partnering Committee