



Day of Prayer for Jerusalem and the Holy Land

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Yarabba ssalami *God of Peace*

1 Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a-laya - na ssa-lam.
2 Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a-laya - na ssa-lam.

Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu-lu - ba-na ssa-lam.
Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im' nah bi-la - da-na ssa-lam.

Text and music: Arabic traditional

This Arabic song of peace is presented with phonetic text. You can hear it sung by an Arabic singer at musicthatmakescommunity.org.

Ya rabba ssalami
amter alyayna ssalam.
Ya rabba ssalami
im la'qulubana ssalam.

Oh, God of peace
give us your peace (or let your peace rain upon us).
Oh, God of peace,
give our land peace.

This piece is sung in many churches in Palestine to pray for peace. Originally composed after the civil war in Lebanon, we (meaning those of us in the ELCIC and ACC) sing this song as an act of solidarity to pray with the Palestinian church for an end to oppression and to pray for peace and safety for all in the Middle East and around the world.



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Ya Rabba Ssalami – God of peace,

You came among us a baby in Bethlehem, sharing in our humanity, our sufferings and our problems. Today your world is groaning with physical distancing, with mental stress, with loss of jobs, with loss of hope. Yet, you are a God of hope. You are here with us, and you are with the people of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Give us comfort in the midst of chaos, give us hope in the midst of suffering, and faith in the midst of mourning.

God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

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Ya Rabba Ssalami – God of peace,

In the midst of political conflict and deteriorating peace talks, we thank you for faithful leaders in the Holy Land, especially Bishop Azar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and Archbishop Suheil of The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Give them strength to speak out against injustices which eliminate the security and freedom of people. Give us that same courage to open our eyes to what is needed to protect those who are most vulnerable.

God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

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Ya Rabba Ssalami – God of peace,

You are a God of Peace, and yet we are not always peaceful people. Let your people strive for peace. With the people of the Holy Land we ask that you rain your peace upon us and upon our land.

God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.