

*To be added to the prayers used at mid-week or Sunday service.  
Preferably Lent 2, March 20.  
Adjust the concluding phrase according to local usage.*

Merciful and compassionate God,  
In love, greater than human understanding, you made a covenant with Abraham, yet all his children, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, contend for Jerusalem.  
May all see that the Holy City, the land, and the world, belongs to you and is our gift for a city of peace.  
God in your mercy,  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Holy Jesus, merciful and compassionate,  
you walked the streets of the city, you wept for the city, you died for the city,  
and you rose again for the city and for the world.  
We pray for all your disciples who live now in and around the city,  
who seek to live as your faithful people.  
Today we lift up to you our sisters and brothers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land,  
its bishop, Munib Younan, all its pastors and congregations, and its ministries such as schools,  
the Bethlehem International Centre, and the Environmental Education Centre in Beit Jala.  
May our love, our prayers, our partnership, inspire them to continue to work for peace with justice for all.  
May their faithfulness inspire us in our own discipleship.  
God in your mercy,

For ministry of the Lutheran World Federation and our partnership with the member churches,  
especially the ministries and institutions in the Holy Land.  
We pray for the work of the LWF in Jerusalem and Israel/Palestine,  
especially for Pastor Mark Brown, Regional Representative in Jerusalem, the Vocational Training Program, Mount of Olives Housing Project, and many other projects,  
especially Augusta Victoria Hospital, its staff and Executive Director, Dr. Tawfiq Nasser, and for CLWR in its support of the hospital.  
God in your mercy,

We pray for the Episcopal, or Anglican, Diocese of Jerusalem,  
its bishop, Suheil Dawani, and its people, congregations, and ministries.  
We pray also for all Christian sisters and brothers who live in the land holy to so many.  
We ask that they, together with people of faith and goodwill in other faith traditions --Jewish, Muslim, and many others,  
may join together for the peace of Jerusalem,  
for peace and security for Israel and its people,  
for peace and security for Palestine and its people,  
for peace with justice for all, in the land that cradles our faith.  
God in your mercy,