



A colleague from our partner, PARC, working in Gaza. In northern Gaza, where food shortages are worst, PARC are the only lifeline for many.

Thank you for your support

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our Middle East Crisis Appeal. Together, we've raised more than £2.2m.

Your generosity has been the cornerstone of our ability to respond swiftly and effectively. United by our faith and our hope, we've been able to offer practical support and solidarity. But as the deadly violence escalates, we must maintain our efforts to show our neighbours in Gaza that they're not alone, and that we really care. Every contribution, whether big or small, adds up to make a real difference.

Christian Aid in the Middle East

Since the early 1950s, we've been working with people living in poverty in the Middle East. Today, there aren't enough words to describe how incredible the work of our partners is. They're continuing to provide support where it's needed most, under intense pressure and in dangerous conditions. Together, we've supported more than 800,000 people since October 2023.

Our response in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank

Our nine partner organisations are providing lifesaving support in response to the unimaginable violence and destruction across the region. Thanks to your gifts, they're providing psychological support, medical relief, shelters and sanitation, as well as enabling community-led kitchens. People who've lost their homes and loved ones are feeling our support, but as the crisis deepens, our gifts, prayers and actions are needed more than ever.

A year of conflict

Tens of thousands of people have been killed, and more than 1.9 million have been displaced following the escalation of violence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory on 7 October 2023.

As of August 2024, over 40,000 Palestinian people have been killed in Gaza, of whom 14,500 were children. Moreover, around 90,000 Palestinian people have been injured.

In Israel, 1,200 people have been killed, and more than 200 civilians have been forcibly taken.

Holding the powerful to account

A different, more peaceful future is possible in the Middle East, and our faith compels us to support both the Israeli and Palestinian people to build it.

We recently delivered letters from children in Gaza to 10 Downing Street as part of our calls for an immediate ceasefire, an end to arms sales to Israel, and a condemnation of the de facto annexation of large parts of the West Bank.

We're also calling for the UK Foreign Secretary to uphold international humanitarian law and protect civilian life. This includes banning all UK arms exports to Israel and trade with Israeli settlements.

Contact your MP

Write, email or meet your MP to urge them to call on the UK Government to stop all arms sales to Israel, and to call for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire. The more our representatives hear our calls, the harder it is for them to ignore us.

Find support to take this action at caid.org.uk/CeasefireMP



Pray with us

We're inviting churches to stand in solidarity with people in the Middle East, by praying in church services on Sunday 6 October. Use the following prayer to join us, or other words of your choosing.

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom, where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children, for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

**The Very Rev Canon Richard Sewell,
Dean of St George's College Jerusalem.**

'The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.'

(Romans 8:26)

Join our online vigil

On Monday 7 October at 8am, we're holding an online vigil for peace in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. We hope you and members of your congregation can join us.

Register at caid.org.uk/GazaVigil

If you're unable to attend, please consider using our vigil and prayer resources at another time.

Further resources

The context of the conflict in the Middle East is complex, so we've created a range of resources to help explain and explore it.

Download our Just Peace resource

This booklet will help you understand more about the conflict, and equip you to talk about it, so you can take action for a just peace. Download Just Peace at caid.org.uk/JustPeace

Screen the film The Tinderbox

We currently hold a licence for you to show the film The Tinderbox. A thought-provoking examination of injustice and conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Find out how to screen the film at caid.org.uk/Tinderbox

Donate to our Gaza Appeal

Every prayer, every action and every gift brings hope to people hit by crisis.

More than 40,000 Palestinian people have been killed by airstrikes, many of those children. With homes and infrastructure destroyed, nearly 2 million people have been displaced, forced to face extreme hunger and disease in overcrowded shelters. Our neighbours in Gaza urgently need shelter, food, clean water, sanitation and medicine.

With supplies of essentials running perilously low, and violence threatening to grow, we urgently need more donations to maintain our support.

Please consider whether your church can hold a collection, or whether you can make a personal donation.

Please order your emergency church envelopes and explore our worship resources at: caid.org.uk/GazaResources

Give, act and pray for peace

- Pray in your church on 6 October
- Join our online vigil on Monday 7 October at caid.org.uk/GazaVigil
- Use our resources in your church services
- Write to your MP
- Hold a collection
- Donate to our Gaza Appeal

With your support, we can remain steadfast in supporting a peace that secures justice, dignity and prosperity for all.