

A Prayer to Turn the Hearts of Those Who Do Violence Out of Their Own Oppression

**Praying for Peace and Justice on
September 29, 2024**

Lord, what can we pray that has not already been prayed? We join our hearts with the millions of people who, for centuries, have cried out for peace and justice in Israel and Palestine. This conflict is so complex, and so intertwined with the roots of antisemitism and colonialism and anti-muslim rhetoric and white supremacist ideology and we do not see the way out. But we believe that you are the God who turned Saul into Paul, that you can turn the hearts of those who would do violence out of their own oppression and fear, and change them into those who walk the way of love. You have done it before, and we beg you to do it again, in the name of all of your children.

Amen.