

Prayer for Hem of His Garment

A prayer by Rev. Loren McGrail based on Mark 5:21-43

Beloved, you who call us
to be healers and justice seekers
we ask for prayers today for still bleeding Palestine.
She is hemorrhaging
but also reaching out
for an end to 67 years
of forced displacement and dispossession
reaching out for peace with justice

It takes courage to reach out
to us, to our sense of morality
or our courts for justice,
to believe that when you violate rights
something will happen,
someone will be held accountable.

It takes courage to believe in wholeness—
that you deserve to be able to live in your home,
make a living, see your kids grow up with a future,
that you deserve happiness.

It takes courage to dream
when all you can see are walls
and piles of rubble from demolished homes,
olive trees burning,
your children imprisoned and tortured.

Beloved, clothe us in your garments
with fringes both majestic and humble
because they reach for the heavens
and touch the dusty ground.

Help us to know when we are being
called forth
to offer prayers for healing and support
or actions for justice.

You who said it ends with Him,
who asks us to drink from the cup of salvation,
empower us to reach back—
stop the bleeding
restore health
re-establish your Beloved Community
on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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