Prayer for Gaza

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My God and my Lord, we know that you are here now, and yesterday you were, and tomorrow you will be, and forever. Your presence is our security and our peace. Our trust in you is without limits.

You are the Lord of every oppressed and needy person.

Lord, fill with your mercy every child who has lost a hand or a leg. For all the little children in Gaza who lost their parents, please send your angels to look after them.

We pray for the Palestinian mothers and fathers in Gaza who stand in the midst of chaos, powerlessness, looking for a safe shelter for their children. We pray for strength to uphold the mothers' and fathers' spirits.

May your love be a beacon of hope, a refuge for their weary souls.

Grant them resilience, oh Lord. Wrap them in your protective embrace,
and lead them to a place of peace, where their bare feet find rest and warmth.

Look with the eyes of your divine providence upon your people in Gaza and Palestine, and all who call on your name in these difficult times. Keep them in peace and security with your grace. Keep all evil plots away from us. Send your angels to protect your people against any evil strikes. Plant in us your peace that surpasses all understanding.

Gracious God, for all suffering today in Gaza, heal their hearts and transform their minds. Allow them to experience your presence in their lives. Make them understand the wisdom from their suffering.

Dear Lord, there are no words to say. Our hearts are broken, but we trust in you, dear Lord of love and justice. Please be with us - give us the real peace.

Holy Spirit, comfort us, and distinguish between good and evil. Goodness comes from the Most Holy Lord. We need this unconditional love. Plants in us hearts of love, so peace can prevail.

Amen.

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