

Bethlehem University Prayer for Peace

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Adapted from the prayer of
Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

Lord our God,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful,
Creator of all people,
and Father of every nation,
in the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son,
You tore down the walls of division and enmity
that separate us from one another.

Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
so that we may be cleansed of all hatred, violence, and revenge.
Guide us to recognize the sacred dignity
of every person, regardless of faith or background,
and inspire us with a burning desire, to the point of consumption
for peace and reconciliation in truth and justice,
in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,
You hold the hopes and dreams of all peoples in Your hands.
Grant wisdom and compassion to those in authority,
so that they may work for the well-being of all,
respond to the cries of the suffering,
and promote the common good and lasting peace
in our region and throughout the world.

We ask You to bless Bethlehem University,
a place where students of all faiths come together
to learn, grow, and build a better future.
As the Church's only Catholic university in the Holy Land,
May Bethlehem University continue to be
a place of dialogue, respect, and hope,
where the Lasallian tradition of education and service
for the common good guides us toward a shared vision of peace.

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,
Our Lady, Queen of Palestine, Mother of Hope and our guide,
grant Your blessing on our sacred educational mission in the Holy Land,
and may peace and unity reign in this land
and throughout the earth.

Indivisa Manent. Amen.