Pray for Israel/Palestine on Sunday, February 7, 2016

Dear God:

Today, we ask for nothing less than to be astounded at your greatness!

The streets of our cities are raging with confrontations between angry, frustrated youth and hostile soldiers of the occupation who are ordered to shoot on sight. The nightly news graphically horrifies us with stories of how our whole region, indeed our whole world, is seized by forces of evil that maul, convulse and scarcely leave it. Neither the world powers nor your faithful disciples seem able to cast out the demons of conflict, discord and violence.

We have witnessed the glory of your beloved Son, your chosen, at Epiphany and in the Transfiguration; we have heard your command to ‘listen to Him’; but, nay, He was found alone.

Dear Lord, you are still speaking! So speak to us, open our ears and hearts so we may listen. Speak peace to the humanity you love. Rebuке the unclean spirits of fear, frustration, anger, pride, hatred, enmity and vengeance.

O God: Heal your world. Astound us with your greatness.

Amen.

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