

## Sabeel Wave of Prayer – Thursday 1 February 2019



The Gaza Health Ministry reported that 32 Palestinians were wounded by Israeli occupation live fire along the border between Gaza and Israel.

**Lord, every week we hear of more injuries and deaths in Gaza and the situation there is desperate. We pray for an end to the suffering and the blockade of Gaza. Lord, in your mercy....**

Mahmoud Omar Jaafreh, a Palestinian from the Jabel al-Mukabbir area of occupied East Jerusalem, was forced to demolish part of his own home on Friday, the 1st of February. The Israeli authorities use the pretext of building without permits to carry out frequent demolitions of Palestinian-owned homes. For Palestinians, building permits are almost impossible to obtain from Israeli authorities.

**Lord, we pray for those who are forced to tear down the walls of their homes. Lord, we pray for an end to the Israeli policies of discrimination. Lord, in your mercy..**

UNICEF and UNESCO expressed deep concern over the rise in Israeli interference in Palestinian schools in the occupied territories. This is impacting children's safe access to education. In 2018 five schools in the West Bank were demolished or seized by the Israeli authorities. Fifty other schools in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem are presently under threat of demolition.

**Dear God, we know that there is a special place in your heart for children. You told your disciples to let 'the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God', (Luke 18:16). Lord, may we care for the safety of all our children, especially for those subject to violence and abuse as they go to school. Lord, in your mercy...**

Lina Osama Quteineh, a doctor in genetics from occupied East Jerusalem, won the second prize in Switzerland for best published research in organ transplant in 2018.

**Lord, we thank you for the insights you give to our doctors and researchers into the intricate workings of our bodies. Thank you that their work may be used to help those who are sick. Lord, in your mercy...**

The Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas suspended the new Social Security Law. The Palestinian Authority had begun to implement the law on the 15th of January. However the President listened to the widespread protests and agreed to enter into further negotiations over it.

**Thank you, Lord, that a general strike has been averted in Palestine as the new law will be reconsidered. We pray for all those in positions of authority that they would fulfill their roles with honesty and integrity. Lord, in your mercy...**

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*Each Thursday Sabeel-Kairos distributes a Wave of Prayer related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and relationships between Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Holy Land. As part of St Chad's support for Sabeel-Kairos this Wave of Prayer will be reproduced on the notice sheet from time to time. Please keep the fraught situation in the Holy Land in your prayers.*

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