

Watch and Pray with Gaza

There is not a fly, a tree, a bee,
Which God has created,
There is not a man,
There is not a woman,
Whose welfare is not our duty,...

Because they are all a part of us.
There is no place in this world
In which we were not born.

(Sean O'Riordain)

Translated from the Irish

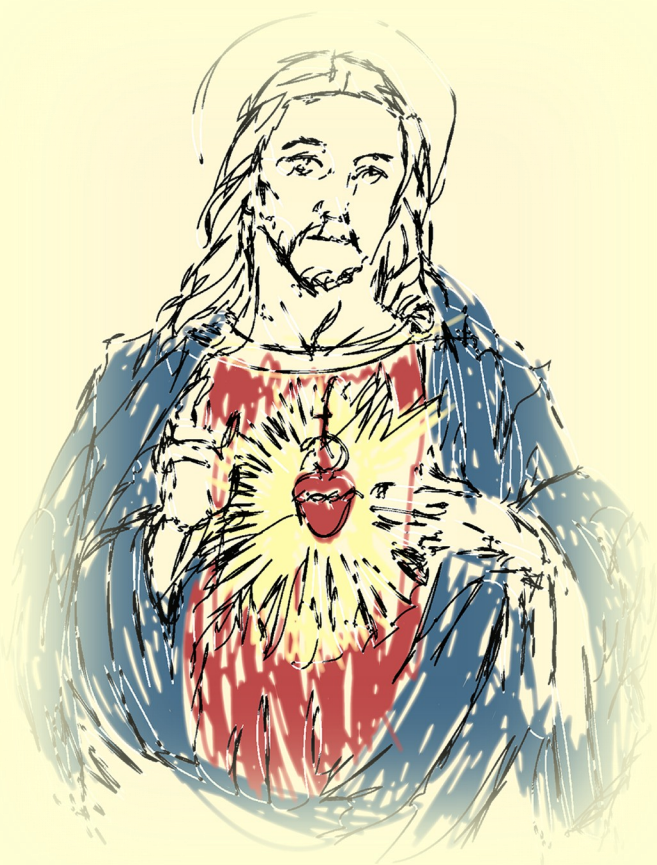


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Over the next three Fridays, starting this Friday 13th June, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Irish time (*the hour when the Jewish Sabbath begins in Jerusalem*), we invite you to light a candle and gather to watch and pray with the people of Gaza and we ask you to bring their suffering before the loving God of Mercy whose compassion knows no bounds even in the face of our inhumanity to each other.

Trusting in the power of the Spirit granted to us this Pentecost, we will keep watch with our suffering brothers, sisters and all life forms until the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 27th June when we will entrust them to the tender love of Jesus in hope and confidence that the peace and justice of God are near.

If you are not able to join us at the suggested time, please feel free to participate by spending an hour in prayer for Gaza at a time of your own choosing.



Week 1

We invite you to spend an hour in prayer with the people of Gaza this Friday 13th June from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Irish time.

As we bear witness to the ever more horrific and heartbreaking events unfolding in Gaza, we encounter the face of Christ in the suffering of “the least of these who are members of my family” *(Matt 25:40).*

We hear again Christ’s voice asking us, “Could you not stay awake with me one hour?”

Remembering that it is hurt people who hurt others, we also hold in our hearts the deep hurts of the Jewish people, both past and present.

*Sacred Heart of Jesus,
we place all our trust in you*



Week 2

We invite you to continue to spend an hour in prayer with the people of Gaza this Friday 20th June from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Irish time.

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The mass and majesty of this world,...
Lay in the hands of others; they were small
And could not hope for help and no help came.

(W.H. Auden)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

(Psalm 22)

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Week 3

Once again, we invite you to continue to keep watch and pray with the people of Gaza and to hand them over to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his tender, compassionate love for all.

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*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits
and in his word I hope;
My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
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(Psalm 130)

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