



# PRAY THE NEWS

*Michael Hartfield, National Director of Anglican Missions, reflects on hope in the devastating wake of renewed fighting in the Holy Land.*

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A wave of over 100 Israeli airstrikes on Gaza has shattered hopes for peace, extinguishing the faint optimism that a resolution might be near. With over 400 people killed in a single day, it marked one of the deadliest days since the conflict's early stages.

As Christians observe the Lenten season, a time of reflection and sacrifice, the contrast between faith's promises and the pain of those affected by conflict is stark. The need for hope feels more urgent than ever, as communities grieve and calls for compassion, justice, and lasting peace grow louder.

In this season of lament, let us grapple with the weight of the world's suffering, to pray for healing and peace, and to seek ways to be 'salt and light' in the darkness.

## **TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR HOPE.**

- We pray for those suffering in Gaza and the West Bank. May they find comfort and a glimpse of peace amid the chaos.
- We pray for a world of compassion and justice. Help us nurture hope and be instruments of peace.
- We pray for the courage to lament, seek justice, and act with love. Guide us to be salt and light in a troubled world.