

Prayer for sending of Gaza shipment:

As we prepare to send out this shipment of desperately needed material resources to displaced people in Gaza, we come before God in prayer, starting with the translation of a common hymn sung in Palestinian churches:

O Lord of peace, rain peace upon us.

O Lord of peace, fill our hearts with peace.

Lord, you are the refuge and strength for those in times of trouble.

You provide comfort to those who mourn.

You offer the bread of life to all who hunger for your presence.

Lord, we know that you are with the people in Gaza who have lost homes

who struggle to find food to eat and water to drink

who walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

Your Spirit of peace moves among both Palestinians and Israelis who yearn

for a future of peace, justice, and freedom.

All that we have is from you, Lord.

We offer these comforters, relief buckets, hygiene kits and infant care kits

in Christ's name as gifts of thanksgiving to you.

Guide this shipment safely to Gaza, O Lord. May it serve as a witness to your love.

God, you are the Lord of peace.

Rain your peace upon all peoples in Palestine and Israel, we pray.

In Jesus' name, Amen.