

Gaza Peace Pilgrimage- Saskatoon, Treaty Six, March 23-24 2024



Join in a global movement of prayerful pilgrimage in solidarity with the people of Gaza and all those caught in violence since October 7. During the Christian season of Lent, people of peace are mapping the 42 km length of Gaza in their own cities, towns, and rural places as part of the [Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage](#).

Over two days, March 23-24, we will walk in prayer for peace, specifically calling for

- an enduring ceasefire,
- immediate humanitarian aid,
- the release of all Israeli and Palestinian captives,
- and an end to the occupation.

This is not a rally, but **a spiritual walk of contemplation and prayer**. At the beginning, mid-point, and end of each day, we will pause for guided prayer, reflection, and lament. While this pilgrimage is led and shaped by members of the Christian tradition, we gladly welcome people of peace from other faith traditions or no faith tradition to join us in this walk for peace.

Route

On Saturday, March 23 we will walk 29 km from [First Mennonite Church](#) in Saskatoon through the Northeast Swale and back ([map](#)). On Sunday afternoon, March 24, we will walk 13 km from First Mennonite Church to Diefenbaker Park and back ([map](#)). (See timetable below.)

You are welcome to join for any distance along the planned route, or to simply gather with us in our closing time of prayer in the parking lot of First Mennonite Church on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Timetable

Saturday, March 23

- 8:00 a.m. Gather, pray, and depart from First Mennonite Church
- 12:00 p.m. BYO Lunch and rest at the Northeast Swale
- 1:00 p.m. Pray and begin walking back to First MC
- 5:00 p.m. Arrival at First MC and hold brief closing prayer

Sunday, March 24

- 2:00 p.m. Gather, pray, and depart from First MC
- 3:30 p.m. Pray and rest at Diefenbaker Park
- 5:30 p.m. Arrival at First MC and hold closing prayer

Hosted by Mennonite Church Canada in SK, supported by Living Skies Regional Council of the United Church.

Would you or some folks from your community like to join in? For more information, contact Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca.

For more information about this global invitation to walk, please check out the website: <https://www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com/>

(Find an online version of this information [here](#).)



From Omar Haramy, Director of Sabeel, Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Palestine

"The Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage beckons to us as an opportunity not just to witness but to actively engage in the pursuit of peace. Let us unite in the spirit of nonviolence, a force that transcends borders and dismantles the structures of dominance.

Our collective strength lies in challenging the roots of the problem, addressing the deep-seated issues that perpetuate suffering. It is time to act, to be the change we wish to see, and to lend our voices to the call for a lasting ceasefire. By supporting this pilgrimage, we become part of communities working tirelessly to make a difference, fostering understanding, compassion, and unity in the sacred land that has witnessed too much strife. Let us rise above the discord, standing shoulder to shoulder, as advocates for peace, as architects of a brighter future for the Holy Land.

Together, we can create a legacy of harmony, resilience, and hope. **Thank you for joining the movement and being a catalyst for change.**"

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Giving Project

Bethlehem Bible College -- You are invited to support the ministry of Bethlehem Bible College. Bethlehem Bible College exists to train people to serve Christ in the world, advocate a Palestinian Christian perspective, and model Christ through community development and peacebuilding. Mennonite Church Canada International Witness partners with BBC to walk with Palestinian Christians and to learn and grow together. Support for their ministry will enable their presence to serve the local and other Arabic speaking congregations in the region.

CATC Delegation -- Mennonite Church Canada invites your donations to help send a delegation of 3-4 leaders with a message of solidarity and love to Palestinian Christians. The delegation will attend the international gathering in Bethlehem for Christ at the Checkpoint conference to explore the theme: "Do Justice, Love Mercy: Christian Witness in Contexts of Oppression." This will help nurture relationships with our Palestinian partners at Bethlehem Bible College and better equip our church in promoting peace and justice in the Holy Land.

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