

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND



Launched on November 16th 2004 in Taybeh, this initiative is the result of the following analysis:

In the conflict that harms the Holy Land, Israelis and Palestinians have tried all possible means of action to put an end to it using both violence and non-violence, but with little success.

As our last resort, we address our prayer for peace in the Holy Land to the Lord with a simple and symbolic idea:

The lamp, together with the oil and the light, becomes a message of peace from our side and a sign of solidarity from churches all around the world.

Our goal is to place a «Peace Lamp» in every single church in the world and to unite as many Christians and people of faith in a common prayer for peace in the Holy Land

«When this world prayer occurs our Lord will not have any other choice than to listen to his congregation!!»

Fr. Raed, parish priest of Taybeh



Peace Lamps: «Traditional lamp» and «dove» models

GIVE NEW HOPE TO CHRISTIANS



This initiative is an informational tool regarding the unbearable conditions that the Christian communities of the Holy Land are facing due to the long-lasting conflict.



The «Peace Lamps» provide jobs to 20 Taybeh people

- This initiative helps the Christian communities in the Holy Land with employment prospects through the production and sale of the Peace Lamp. The lamps are produced in the «Olive Branch Foundation» workshop in Taybeh where more than 20 young men and women work to secure their livelihoods and those of their families in dignity through gainful employment.



- The initiative also provides a much needed marketing opportunity for olive oil produced in the Holy Land.

THE VILLAGE OF TAYBEH



The «Peace Lamps» originate from Taybeh, a small Christian village located 25km north-east of Jerusalem, in the Holy Land.

Out of the 3400 inhabitants living in Taybeh 30 years ago, only 1500 remain today.



The initiative particularly aims at stopping the massive emigration of Taybeh people abroad.

Despite the villagers' love of their Land, they are inclined to leave, due to the difficulties resulting from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the lack of prospects for the future.



The «Peace Lamp» kit

The initiative was blessed both by the cardinal of Florence, H.E Ennio Antonelli and the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, H.B. Michel Sabbah and was supported by Caritas - Jerusalem and the association «Coltiviamo la Pace» in Florence.



OUR PRAYER FOR PEACE

As you light this lamp, join together with people around the world in praying for peace in the Holy Land

«Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God» (Matthew 5:9).

Lord, help us to be peacemakers in the Holy Land.

«Now the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always by all means,» (II Thessalonians 3:16)

Lord, give the Holy Land peace by Your means.

«For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.» (Ephesians 2:14)

Lord, be our peace and break down the walls of partition dividing the Holy Land.

«I am the light of the world.» (John 8:12)

Lord, help us to be lights to the Holy Land.

«They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and the spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war.» (Isaiah 2:4)

Lord, fulfill this promise now in the Holy Land.

«But Esau ran to meet him (Jacob), took him in his arms, threw himself on his neck and wept as he kissed him.» (Genesis 33:4)

Lord, help the people of the Holy Land follow the example of Jacob and Esau and reconcile themselves to each other.

«Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path.» (Psalm 119:105)

Lord, as we light this lamp, let your Spirit enter into the hearts of those in the Holy Land and be a lamp unto their feet and a light to their path.

«Peace I leave you with, My Peace I give to you...» (John 14:27)

Lord, we thank you for your peace and we accept it in the Holy Land. Amen!



THE OLIVE BRANCH FOUNDATION

The «Peace Lamps» are an initiative of the Olive Branch Foundation.

The Olive Branch Foundation was created in 2001 by Fr. Raed Abusahlia, Latin parish priest of Taybeh. Its aim is to promote economical development in Palestine thanks to small investment projects:

- Edification of a modern industrial olive-press in Taybeh
- Signature of a sales agreement for olive oil and Maftoul with Alter Eco (France)
- Opening of a ceramic workshop, olive wood, candles, soap and Maftoul...

The «Peace Lamps» thus provide work and hope to more than 20 people.

For more information on the «Peace Lamps» and our other products or for any order, please visit our website or contact us at:



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International Appeal To Pray For Peace In The Holy Land



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