

Christ in the Rubble: Prayer-Kit

While Americans celebrate Christmas, people in the land where Jesus was born are enduring Israel's genocidal war and bombardment with U.S. bombs. Show your solidarity by taking action, educating yourself, praying and more.

You are welcome to upload photos/videos/texts here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1S67_4YGOOfDVfHLVG1egg5vjxoivgre0h?usp=sharing

TAKE ACTION

Here are actions you can take in your church and Christian communities:

- ★ When you build your advent creche, surround the Christ child with stones, broken concrete, and other rubble.
- ★ In Advent and Christmas sermons and homilies, speak about the genocide of our Palestinian brothers and sisters, both Christian and non-Christian
- ★ If you sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," speak about the people living in Bethlehem today amid the US-funded military occupation of the land where Jesus walked.
- ★ Create a strategic procession with the Christ in the Rubble visual to key locations of decision-making or ritual importance. (Ex. large/influential churches, mayor's office, congress member's office, city council, state capitol, influential business leader, company involved in supporting the occupation/war, etc.)

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LEARN

Learn about the people living in O Little Town of Bethlehem today. Bethlehem and the Holy Land is not just a Biblical land of the past. Generations of Palestinians, both Christian and non-Christian, have lived there for centuries. They still live there in thriving communities, yet are facing heightened aggression, expulsion, and displacement from the Israeli occupation. Learn more:

- [Who are the Christians of the Holy Land?](#)
- [Where do Holy Land Christians live?](#)
- [Where do Holy Land Christians worship?](#)
- [What happened to these Christians in the past?](#)
- [What's happening to Holy Land Christians now?](#)
- [What are Holy Land Christians saying?](#)
- [What does the Bible say about this?](#)

PRAY

Here are sample prayers

- [UCC PIN Liturgical Resources](#)
- Sabeel [Wave of Prayer](#)

- [5 Prayers](#)
- [My God, My God](#)

SONGS and CAROLS

Here are lyrics, music, and resources for songs and more:

- <https://www.instagram.com/songs4liberation/> (see link in IG bio)
- [Ceasefire Chorus Lyrics](#)
- [#CeasefireNOW! Holiday Remix](#) (Kairos Center / Freedom Church of the Poor)
 - Also: [Songs in the Key of Resistance](#)
- [Ceasefire Christmas Carols](#)
- [Alternative Palestine Carols](#)
- Other songs: [Qudous - Nai Barghuti](#) / [Little Town](#)

SERMONS and OTHER RESOURCES

- United Methodist Kairos Response webpage with link to sermon and photos of 'Christ in the Rubble' nativity in Bethlehem and sermon by Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac: https://www.kairosresponse.org/advent_christmas_sermons.html
- See FOSNAs [Preach Palestine 2024: Hearing the Cry of the Holy Innocents](#) Resource Library, for ideas, resources, events and actions
 - [Christ in the Rubble, Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac](#)
 - [FOSNAs Guide](#) to Difficult Conversations about Christian Zionism
- Palestinian Christians are urging churches in the US to [Take a Stand for the Holy Land](#)
- Catholic Worker White House Ceasefire Vigils: [Know their Names](#) Litany / Litany of [Lament](#) / [Wave of Prayer](#) Litany
- [Make a Creche Kit to Remember the Children in Gaza](#) (UUJME)

JOIN US

- Sign up with [Christians for Ceasefire](#) for updates and ongoing organizing.
- Palestinian Christians are urging churches in the US to [Take a Stand for the Holy Land](#)
- Urge your congregation to join the [Apartheid Free Community](#)
- Commit to "Preach Palestine" and [register your public action](#) with FOSNA: A *Christian Voice for Palestine*. Follow online: [IG](#) / [FB](#) / [YT](#)
- [Follow](#) and join [Christians for a Free Palestine](#)

IMAGES



All-Saints Church, Pasadena, CA



Kelly Latimore



Banner Ideas:

**The face of a child in Palestine
is the face of Christ.**



**If born today, Christ would
be found in the Rubble of Gaza**



Christ under the Rubble of Gaza
Solidarity with the occupied and oppressed



**Our bombs put Christ under the rubble
in Gaza**





Church of the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor, MI

CHRIST IN THE RUBBLE ADVENT CAMPAIGN



Image by Rev.
Munther Isaac.
Bethlehem Lutheran
Church, Palestine
2023

Christians 4 Ceasefire calls on churches to center the image of Christ in the Rubble in their Advent and Christmas liturgies.

This image of Christ in the Rubble is a scene from the Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem in 2023, where the traditional manger scene features baby Jesus in a bombed-out home. While Americans celebrate Christmas with joy, people in the land where Jesus was born are enduring genocide and bombardment from American bombs. The families who have survived in Gaza, broader Palestine, and Lebanon are homeless, starving, lacking medical care, and, in the case of thousands of children, orphaned.



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Print and share this flyer with your church congregation. Post it on your bulletin boards.
Share on Instagram at #ChristInTheRubble and tag @FOSNAlive
Learn more about Christians for Ceasefire: franciscanaction.org/christians-for-ceasefire-campaign/
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