



March 18th Distributed Action

Tactic Template: Service of Repentance

Gather at a location near the office.

Song Leader begins first song ([song suggestions can be found here](#))

Marshals guide the group quickly and quietly to the office and help them assemble.

Police/Security Liaison introduce themselves to any building security or police present.

MC welcomes everyone, explains why you are gathered, and leads *Prayer of Confession*:

God of our ancestors, we gather today in your presence as Christians and people of Christian lineage, to confess our complicity in the evils of Christian Zionism and antisemitism, both in our present moment and in the history of our tradition.

We confess that our churches have contributed to the dispossession, occupation, apartheid, and genocide of Palestinians, just as many churches take part in the dispossession, occupation, apartheid, and genocide of Indigenous peoples here on Turtle Island. We confess our complicity in Christian theology and Christian pogroms, holocausts, and government policies against our Jewish and Muslim siblings. We confess that by our action and by our inaction, we have supported policies that use the Israeli state to further this genocide, in service of the lie that Jews taking control over the biblical land of Israel will bring about Jesus' second coming and the end of the world, when Christians will reach salvation and non-Christians — including Muslims and Jews — will be annihilated. We reject this lie and turn to liberation.

Good and loving shepherd, we are more than complicit. We have sinned, in what we have done and what we have failed to do. We are here, today, at the office of _____, because our sin is not solitary, it is collective. It is not only spiritual, it is a policy of our government, created and perpetrated by politicians like _____, who go to church on Sunday mornings, who cry "peace, peace" where there is no peace.

Spirit of liberation, we seek to follow you in every moment. We ask for your guiding hand today as we act in solidarity with our Palestinian siblings and Jewish siblings, against the evil lie of Christian Zionism. We beg for your forgiveness for our wrongdoing. And we live in hope that _____ will repent, turn away from these genocidal policies, and support an immediate and lasting ceasefire, an end to US military aid, and safety for Jews and Muslims in the United States.

In the name of Jesus, the Palestinian Jew, amen.

Song Leader leads second song/chant

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:5-9

Is this the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and say, "Here I am."

Speaker shares more on Christian antisemitism and Christian Zionism

[\(see our talking points on Christian Zionism\)](#)

Song Leader leads third song/chant

Speaker shares on Christians United For Israel (CUFI) and its role in US politics

[\(see our talking points on CUFI\)](#)

Marshals distribute post-it notes (or paper and tape) and markers.

MC announces that the gathered congregation will now write up their personal prayers for an end to Christian Zionism and antisemitism, and as they sing, place them on the wall (or window) of the office.

Song Leader leads fourth song while this happens.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65:19-22

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat.

MC thanks everyone for attending, announces that we will be back in force in DC in April, and closes with this *Benediction*:

Go now and live lives of true and meaningful peace, which refuse to be quietly complicit in genocide. Go forth and be a threat to Christian Zionism. Proclaim and live out peace in your churches, in your neighborhoods, in the streets, so that all people, regardless of faith or background, may live in safety and in freedom. Go in peace.