Friday 8th March: Day of Prayer for the Holy Land.

As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has not improved, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. Archbishop Malcolm has called for a day of prayer for the Holy Land today. Confident that God always hears our prayers, together, let us pray a prayer from the Holy Father for peace in the Holy Land.

"Let us pray with one heart and one soul Lord come to our aid, grant us peace, teach us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: Never again war.' Lord Hear Us." "May the weapons be stopped: they will never lead to peace, and may the conflict not widen! Enough! Enough, brothers! In Gaza, let the wounded be rescued immediately, let civilians be protected, let far more humanitarian aid be allowed to reach that stricken population. May the hostages be freed, including the elderly and children. Every human being, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that the sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart."

In Jesus' name. Amen

