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77 years
OF NAKBA



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Nakba:

CATASTROPHE

If you ask any Palestinian living in Palestine or in the diaspora, chances are they can tell you about their “Nakba” story.

Palestinians use the word “Nakba”, which is Arabic for “catastrophe”, to describe the events of 1948 when an estimated 750,000 Palestinians were forcibly removed from their ancestral villages to become refugees, displaced across historic Palestine (much of which is now recognized as Israel).



77 years of Nakba:

PRAAYER FROM BISHOP AZAR

Gracious God,

As Palestinians mark 77 years since the Nakba, we are still crying out for justice and peace. Lord, we know you hear our cries. Open the ears and hearts of the world, that they too might hear the words of truth and righteousness, and act.

We pray for the victims of the 1948 Nakba and their descendants. Ease their grief and fill their hearts with the hope of resurrection, that they may one day again return to the hills of Nazareth, the beaches of Jaffa, and the holy places of Jerusalem...

77 years of Nakba: PRAYER FROM BISHOP AZAR

We pray for those who today are still living the ongoing Nakba: tens of thousands in Gaza and the West Bank who have been forced from their homes, who are again carrying their belongings and their keys with them in the hope that they may return.

Grant them your holy comfort and bring forth your will in our world, so that we might see the end of 77 years of suffering and the restoration of your holy justice.

God of unity, the Nakba was a day when people were divided from one another. We pray the day will come when we can be reunited to live in peace together, as you intended for us.

77 years of Nabka:
PRAAYER FROM BISHOP AZAR

On this Nabka Day, we give thanks for a
God who abides with us even in darkness.
We pray that your vision of humanity and
dignity may be granted to all your children,
so that we may live in true peace.
Amen.



Key from original home still belonging to ELCJHL member.



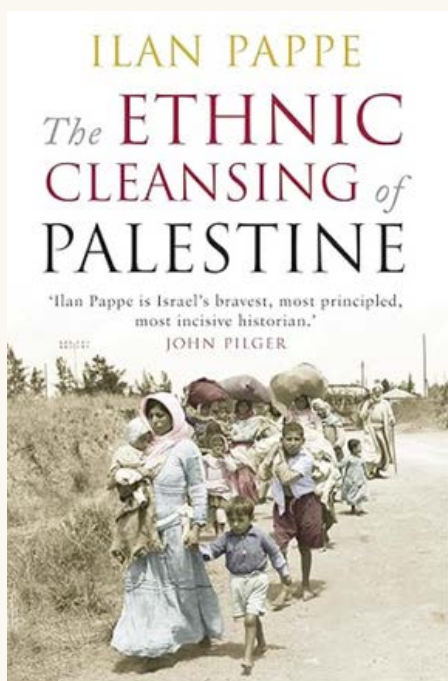
Ongoing Nakba

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“The Nakba is not just a memory of the past. It is a wound carried by generations of Palestinians, and that wound remains open until this day. Palestinians continue to relive the same suffering their ancestors endured in 1948: systematic oppression, forced displacement and ethnic cleansing. Today we stand firm in the face of injustice, with our Sumud (arabic: steadfastness) united in our struggle for the right to return.”

-ELCJHL Youth Member

Ongoing Nakba



POSSIBLE RESOURCES: LEARN MORE ABOUT NAKBA

- Watch: “Sons of Eilaboun” available to stream online (link in bio)
- Read: “The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine” by Israeli historian Ilan Pappé
- Click: “The Nakba and Palestine Refugees | IMEU Questions and Answers” (link in bio)
- Pray: join Bishop Azar in praying for reunion, peace, and justice.