

Send your good wishes, prayers to the people of Bethlehem

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As we prepare and celebrate Christmas in the security and comfort of our homes and communities, people in Bethlehem will again celebrate the season in a difficult climate. Concerns on violence, peace and security, and justice issues continue because of the Palestinian, Israeli conflict. Nonetheless, many individuals and groups persist in searching for non-violent ways to work for a peaceful and just future in that region of the world. Your wishes and prayers can help provide hope and, perhaps, break through feelings of isolation.

You are invited to e-mail Advent and Christmas wishes and prayers for justice and peace to our friends and peace organizations in Bethlehem. This invitation was initiated by Pax Christi International's partners in Palestine ? the Arab Educational Institute, Library on Wheels for Non-violence and Peace, the Centre for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation, the Justice and Peace Commission of Jerusalem and Wi'am Center.

Messages collected will be printed and handed out as personal messages, educational materials (at schools), in the context of interfaith prayers and in the newly established peace house of the Arab Educational Institute opposite the Wall at Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem.

Put Your Wish for Peace into Action

Send your prayers and messages of peace before Jan. 7 (Eastern Christmas) to the Arab Educational Institute at aei@p-ol.com. These messages will be posted on the [Institute's website](#) [1].

You can also go to the [Pax Christi web site](#) [2] for more information.

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