

# LENT & THE HOLY LAND

Lent commemorates Jesus' time of fasting and preparation in the desert in what is now Palestine, one of the most volatile regions on earth. The politics are debated daily, but the human cost is often forgotten. While nations work toward a permanent peace and economic stability, children need to be educated now, and families need to put food on the table tonight.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem offers quality education and compassionate healthcare to all, and is a beacon of hope, reconciliation, and respect for differences. The Diocese works in Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, through 14 schools, 2 full service hospitals, 4 outpatient clinics, 4 institutes for the disabled, and homes for the elderly.



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*Building Presence—Building Peace*

## Did You Know?

- The Christian population is less than 2% of the total population of Israel/Palestine.
- Most Christians living in the Holy Land are ethnic Palestinians, and some of their families have been in the region since the original Apostles.
- Christians living in Israel or Palestine have very limited travel, educational and employment opportunities.
- The humanitarian work of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has far-reaching impact, and touches thousands of lives each year and reaches across religious, ethnic, and political boundaries.

## What Can You Do?

This Lent we invite you to pray for all those who call the Holy Land home, especially the sick and the disabled. **You can give the families and children of the Holy Land a reason to hope – you can let them know that they are not forgotten.** Your gift, in any amount, will help support this critical work.

AFEDJ is a non-profit organization working in partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem to increase its capacity to teach and heal. Our mission is to build presence from the ground up. Find out more about AFEDJ at [www.afedj.org](http://www.afedj.org), or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/afedj](https://facebook.com/afedj). Give us a call at (203) 655-3575 or email [aklynn@afedj.org](mailto:aklynn@afedj.org)

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