



## **One Thousand Days of Genocide: A Kairos Moment for the World**

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One thousand days have passed since Gaza has been placed into one of the darkest chapters of our modern history.

For one thousand days, Palestinians have endured Israel's relentless killing, starvation, displacement, and destruction. Entire families have been wiped out, erasing generations from the Palestinian people. Homes, hospitals, schools, universities, places of worship, and refugee camps have been reduced to rubble. An entire population has been stripped of its basic human dignity and rights while much of the world has watched in silence or justified one of the worse crimes against humanity.

As Kairos Palestine, we cannot remain silent. Our faith and humanity call us to speak truth, defend life, and stand with the oppressed, against oppression. Silence in the face of such overwhelming injustice is a betrayal of both the Gospel and our common humanity.

Yet Gaza is not the only front. Across the occupied West Bank, Israel continues to accelerate settlement expansion, settler terrorism, forced displacement, military assaults, and de facto annexation. Palestinian communities across the West Bank, including Al-Taybeh, Beit Sahour, and many other towns and villages, are being uprooted from their lands and subjected to mounting pressure from settler terrorism, land confiscation, and relentless settlement expansion, threatening their continued presence and accelerating their forced displacement.

This reflects a dangerous political vision, rooted in Zionist settler colonial ideology that seeks regional domination through military force and territorial expansion, exploiting people's desire for peace and security to legitimize oppression, segregation and genocide.

We are deeply alarmed by the growing calls within the Israeli political leaders for permanent annexation and a so-called "Greater Israel." Such ambitions, besides gravely violating international law, entrench the dehumanization and oppression of Palestinians and neighboring peoples, and threaten to condemn the entire region to decades of recurring wars and instability. Lasting security will never be achieved through occupation, displacement, and wars.

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As Palestinian Christians, we reject every attempt to weaponize our own Scripture to justify oppression, colonization, or the destruction of our people or any other people. God is never on the side of injustice. God always stands with the oppressed. As we affirmed in the [first Kairos Palestine document](#), occupation is a sin against God and humanity because it denies the image of God in those who are oppressed.

Today, after one thousand days of genocide, the world can no longer claim ignorance. The evidence is overwhelming. The question is no longer whether these crimes are taking place or not, but rather whether governments, churches, and international institutions will finally acknowledge them and act with faith and courage, as they are mandated to, morally and legally.

We therefore call upon:

- **Governments**
  - On Gaza: to exert pressure on Israel for a complete and immediate withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, ensure the unrestricted delivery of sufficient humanitarian aid, halt arm and military support that enables violations of international law, start rebuilding Gaza and support genuine accountability through international legal mechanisms.
  - On West Bank: to reject annexation, settlement expansion, and all attempts to reshape the region through military force, while working for a just and lasting peace that guarantees freedom, equality, and security for all people.
- **Churches worldwide** to move beyond statements of concern and take concrete creative non-violent actions to hold governments, companies, and Christian organizations accountable, this includes advocating for targeted boycotts, divestment, and sanctions, ending military and economic support that enables oppression, and insisting on full accountability under international law.

This is not simply another political “crisis”. It is a Kairos moment, a moment of truth.

History will remember not only those who committed these crimes, but also those who remained silent while they unfolded.

Our hope does not rest in military power or political calculations. It rests in the God of justice, who calls us to resist evil, uphold human dignity, and believe that peace built on justice is still possible.

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His Holiness Pope Leo XIV wrote: “War does not solve problems; on the contrary, it amplifies them and inflicts deep wounds on the history of peoples, which take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, or stolen futures.”

May this “thousand days memory” become not another milestone in the failure to confront the reign of power, but a Kairos moment when collective human conscience finally awakens, accountability begins, so that the path toward a just peace can finally be restored.

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