

***Intercessions for the first Sunday of Advent and  
for the cry of hope of the people of Palestine***

*LEADER...*

One God, all merciful, loving and just, to you who created all human beings in your image and likeness, we especially pray for Palestine and with the Palestinian people who cry out to us on this First Sunday of Advent and International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people 2020.

To You Who gave us the breath of life and the Earth to keep and care for...

To You Who established the Universe on the foundation of Justice... Hear us as we join our cry with theirs...

\* For healing our World of our racism and oppression ...we lift up our prayers and hope to You  
*ALL - In your merciful love, hear us!*

\* To You Who love Justice and Mercy ...we lift up our Palestinian sisters and brothers as they suffer the destruction of their land and nation  
*ALL - In your merciful love, hear us!*

\*To You Who sent us your only begotten Son to declare Your Reign of peace and love, liberate from oppression our sisters and brothers in Palestine  
*ALL - In your merciful love, hear us!*

\* To You Who lived in Palestine ...Open our ears to hear their cry of hope  
*ALL - In your merciful love, hear us!*

\* To You who raised Lazarus from the dead ...lift the peoples of Palestine and Israel from their hatred of each other and bring Your living peace into their hearts and lands  
*ALL - In your merciful love, hear us!*

*Let us pray:*

Free us from the sin of closing our ears to the people of Palestine through the years of their appealing to us for help! Enlighten us on how we can help them for they are our sisters and brothers! As we begin our time of waiting for Jesus to come, join our waiting with theirs as You renew the face of the Earth!

AMEN