

2024 Lenten Ceasefire Campaign

Grassroots resources

We are calling for:

1. immediate, sustained bilateral ceasefire
2. demilitarization rather than sending weapons
3. release of all hostages and Palestinian prisoners held without due process
4. robust humanitarian assistance, U.S. funding UNRWA, the UN agency supporting Palestinian refugees
5. end the siege on Gaza and end the occupation of the Palestinian Territory
6. a political process to address root causes, for accountability of harm, and a lasting just peace

On [Ash Wednesday we offered a liturgy and ecumenical witness](#) at the White House with about 150 participants as well as 14 people risking arrest. On February 21, we welcomed a multi-faith pilgrimage to DC with a prayerful rally at the White House. The **week of February 25-March 2**, we invite each of us to engage in local grassroots actions as we ramp up the mobilization of this Lenten campaign. **Use this link to sign up for [updates on the campaign](#).**

The **nonviolence logic** for this moment is that members of Congress are more responsive to constituent action; we want to build the bridges in our local communities for upcoming larger mobilizations.

We encourage creative actions such as vigils, rallies, press conferences, city council or congressional advocacy, strategic disruptions, risking arrest, etc. See the resources below for tips and examples, as well as the general tactics and spectrum of allies' tools.

Toolkits:

Churches for Middle East Peace

1. [Action alerts](#) and [Call Your Congressperson](#)
2. [Grassroots Activism Guide 101](#)

U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights

1. [City Council Organizing Toolkit](#)
2. [General Ceasefire Toolkit](#)

Friends of Sabeel North America

1. [Christian Zionism Toolkit](#)
2. [Action alert: UNRWA funding](#)

Friends Committee on National Legislation

1. [Calling for a Ceasefire Advocacy toolkit](#) and [Letters to the Editor](#)

Christians for a Free Palestine

1. Congressional [call-in script](#)
2. [Nonviolent action toolkit](#) (focused on March 18)

Beautiful Trouble

1. [Range of Tactics](#)
2. [Spectrum of Allies](#)

Catholic Nonviolence Initiative

1. [Resources and tools](#)

U.S. Institute of Peace

1. [Synergizing Nonviolent Action and Peacebuilding](#)

Report your actions to:

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*To see how the spectrum of allies works within a strategic planning framework, check out the [spectrum of allies](#) methodology in our toolbox or the “[Assessment tools for analysis](#)” model from our [Beautiful Action Trainer Modules](#) (BATMo!). Various tools and methodologies introduced in this resource for trainers can support game-changing strategic planning, including [Spectrum of Allies](#), [Stakeholder Mapping](#), [The Onion](#), [Analysis Tree](#), [Pillars of Power](#), [Power Mapping](#), [Historical Timeline](#), and [Connectors and Dividers](#).

Lenten Ceasefire Campaign endorsements

Churches for Middle East Peace

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Dorothy Day Catholic Worker

Festival Center

Franciscan Action Network

Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA)

Georgetown University Medical Students for Palestine (GUMS4PAL)

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Council of Churches, USA

Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace

Pax Christi USA

Quixote Center

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Justice Team

Sojourners

United Church of Christ

Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER)