

# Moving Stories

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## ISRAEL & THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

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Since 7 October, the Israeli occupational forces have taken (at the time of writing) almost 28,000 Palestinian lives in Gaza. 12,000 of them were children. About 67,000 Gazans have been injured. Over 8,000 people are missing or buried beneath rubble. More than half of Gaza's homes have been damaged or destroyed, along with 368 schools or colleges and 221 places of worship. In addition, almost 400 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, over a quarter of them children.

On 26 January, the International Court of Justice in the Hague ruled that at least some of the acts "committed by Israel in Gaza appear to be capable of falling within the provisions of the Genocide Convention". Yet the US and UK continue to arm Israel. They have also attempted to defund UNWRA based on unproven allegations of UN workers' involvement in the 7 October attack. At the same time, over 1,200 people in Israel have been killed, 9,000 injured.

Commitment for Life shares its deep sorrow in the face of this appalling, unfolding genocide. We believe in the inheritance of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God. We bring to you the many blessings that you so generously give...

Moment of silence...

We pray for those gathered in this place...  
 those in our churches...  
 those in our communities...  
 for those who selflessly serve in making the world a better place.

Forgiving God, we too easily diminish the dignity of others, sowing division when you call