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The Most Reverend Hosam Naoum  
Archbishop of Jerusalem  
Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East

Dear +Hosam, sisters and brothers in Christ in Jerusalem and the Holy Land,

The close relationship between Canadian Anglicans and the people of your diocese and province goes back several decades. It has included exchanges, pilgrimages, solidarity visits and practical gestures of support. We have shared moments of celebration and consolation as our respective churches have journeyed together with intent and much affection. May this always be so.

This year, as we mark the Seventh Sunday of Easter, designated in the Anglican Church of Canada as Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday, we are deeply conscious of the horrific violence and other hardships faced across the region by Christians, those of other faiths and the Palestinian community as a whole.

In your recent [Easter letter](#), you spoke of the immense challenge of seeking to be people of life and resurrection while also “in the midst of the tomb.” We have listened with compassion and frustration to the cries of pain, fear and indignation arising from across the Holy Land, longing to enable healing, peace and justice. And as war in the region has by turns intensified and subsided in these last weeks with devastating consequences, we watch and wait alongside you with prayerful vigilance, ever conscious of both your vulnerability and your remarkable resilience and courage.

Know that you and Christians of all the churches in the region of the Holy Land are not forgotten. While we mark our solidarity in a particular way on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, I am sharing this letter publicly to encourage Canadian Anglicans to continue holding you in prayer as this time of violence and uncertainty unfolds in the land of your ancestors, the land where Jesus walked.

We remain steadfast with you in the indestructible hope of the Resurrection, trusting that love and peace will prevail, that justice will flow and that God will make all things new.

Yours faithfully,

The Most Reverend Shane Parker  
Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada