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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF

SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

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This year, as we mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, we reflect on a reality in Gaza and across all of Palestine that remains deeply fragile. While the war may appear to be over, its shadow still looms heavily over our people. The intensity of the shelling and bombing has lessened, yet it has not stopped, and the daily reality in Gaza continues to resemble a warzone in every sense. For hundreds of thousands, the suffering persists: families remain in tents, infrastructure lies in ruins, and access to water, food, healthcare, and basic services is still desperately limited. It looks, from the outside, as though the war has ended—but for those living through its consequences, the harsh truth is that it has not.

But Gaza is not the only place where life has become unbearable.

In the West Bank and Jerusalem, the humanitarian and protection situation continue to deteriorate sharply.

Thousands of families have been displaced, particularly from refugee camps in the northern West Bank. Communities face daily military incursions, widespread destruction of property, and severe movement restrictions. Farmers continue to experience settler aggression and violence during the harvest seasons, threatening both their livelihoods and their safety. Socio-economic conditions are worsening, leaving families increasingly unable to meet even the most basic needs.

We join the call for the cessation of military operations in the West Bank and for greater protection of civilians who are bearing the brunt of this escalation.

The physical devastation across our land is immense, but the psychological destruction runs even deeper. An entire generation of children has been traumatized. Countless families carry invisible wounds that will take decades to heal. Many people have been left with permanent physical disabilities, drastically changing the course of their lives. Rebuilding Gaza—and rebuilding life across the West Bank and Jerusalem—is not only about reconstructing homes, hospitals, and schools; it is about rebuilding a society that has endured unimaginable pain.

Throughout these dark times, Caritas Jerusalem has remained—and will remain—by the side of the Palestinian people. We understand that recovery is not a moment but a long and demanding journey. It will take extraordinary perseverance, patience, and solidarity to support families as they rise again, step by step, from the devastation.

Our mission continues: providing medical care, psychosocial and mental health support, multipurpose cash assistance, and humanitarian relief. But beyond services, we accompany people in their grief, their resilience, and their determination to reclaim life and dignity.

We are profoundly grateful for you—our partners, friends, and supporters—who have stood with us and amplified our efforts. Your solidarity has carried us through some of the most challenging moments in our history.

On this International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, we renew our call to the international community to ensure sustained humanitarian support and long-term recovery plans, and to protect the dignity and rights of displaced families who continue to live in temporary shelters. We urge global actors to prioritize mental health, psychosocial healing, and rehabilitation for those who have been physically injured, and to uphold justice, equality, and the protection of all civilians in accordance with international humanitarian law.

Let this day serve as a reminder that solidarity is not limited to moments of crisis—it must accompany the long road of healing and rebuilding ahead, in Gaza, the West Bank, and Jerusalem. And on that road, Caritas Jerusalem will continue to walk hand in hand with our people, carrying hope into the places where hope struggles to survive.

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