

Prayer for Peace, Hope and Justice

According to the DIRCO website, today is observed as World Hospice & Palliative Care Day. A day to honour all those involved in:

- Palliative Care – treatment of people suffering pain, disease, life-threatening conditions
- Hospice Care – care for those facing death.

Many of us have or are caring for people in need – parents, spouses, children.

The barbed wire represents the difficult circumstances under which care is given:

- Cost of carers not covered by Medical Aid
- No financial means to employ trained carers
- Home-based care in areas where carers have to dodge the bullets of gang warfare to reach the people that they are caring for
- Active war zones (Ukraine, Yemen, Ethiopia) where medical facilities are the target of bombs and ammunition.

The light of the candle represents the love, compassion, strength and resolve of carers working under all circumstances.

Let us pray, and end with the Prayer for Africa and the World:

O Loving & Merciful God, we sometimes forget that you are present with us in every situation of suffering.

You suffered the pain of betrayal, temptation, humiliation, flogging, and being nailed to a cross, but you defeated suffering.

We thank you that in every situation of suffering, Your Spirit of love and compassion overcomes

We thank you for the unconditional love of carers in this community caring for loved ones

Organisations who practice home-based care to those who can't afford it.

Organisations and carers who provide care under circumstances of war, gang warfare, corrupt governments and poverty.

We thank you for their strength, commitment and resolve to keep going, even when they are fatigued and feel empty.

Inspire us, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the example of self-less carers, to make a difference wherever we can,

To care for carers, offer assistance and become better carers ourselves,

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,

We pray the prayer for Africa:

God bless Africa & all the world, guard our children, guide our leaders and give us peace. Amen