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# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

## Pray for peace in the Middle East Oct. 17

On behalf of Bishop David Malloy, I share with you that the Diocese of Rockford is being invited to join with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, who are suffering the fear and pain of violence, to pray fervently for an end to this military crisis on **Tuesday, October 17**.

As a show of prayerful solidarity, all parishes and schools in the Rockford Diocese are invited to join in a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence.

The letter from the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Pierbattista Cardinal Pizzaballa to all the Catholics in his jurisdiction is attached to this email and you are free to share it with your congregations and students.

The letter invites all parishes and religious communities to hold a day of fasting and prayer for peace and reconciliation.

It states, "**We ask that on Tuesday, October 17, everyone hold a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Let us organize prayer times with Eucharistic adoration and with the recitation of the Rosary to Our Blessed Virgin Mary.**"

Thank you for your attention and response, as you are able, to this invitation.