Dear Brothers & Sisters in the Testimony for Jesus; Partners, & co-workers;

Peace in the Name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit;
The Churches of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria & Lebanon are appalled at what is happening in Gaza, and the use of lethal destructive arsenal against civilian targets, so that most of the casualties are children and civilians hit in their homes and shelters. Such use of force cannot be justified under any circumstances, especially if it is used as a means of pressure on the other side! Must the strong annihilate the weak in order to achieve victory? At stake are human lives crushed in the worldly political bizarres.

Why can’t Justice be like a belt around their waist, integrity like a belt around his hips? A wolf reside with a lamb, and a leopard will lie with a young goat? An ox and a young lion graze together, as a small child leads them along? A cow and a bear graze together, their young will lie down together? A baby play over the hole of a snake; over the nest of a serpent an infant will put his hand? We wonder & ask "why"? Isn’t it because we - the Church - have forgotten & forsaken our real mission? Isn’t it because we - the Church - are afraid to speak up a different language than the world’s? Many secular, non-religious, organizations, many "non-christian" governments are speaking out much more Godly and "Christian" language than the Church is doing.

We beseech you, in the name of the One who was crushed for our sake, to raise the voice high where ever the Lord leads, to stop this act of exterminating civilians who have no place to hide from the "Smart Bombs" and Phosphoric Shells, who lack food, medicine, water, electricity, fuel, bread, in a Season - we Christians - spent extravagantly on expensive gifts and clothes and food, ... and call all sides to sit together and work for a lasting Peace in all of the Middle East.

God bless, as we endeavor together for an "Abundant Life" for this world.

Truly,
Rev Fadi Dagher, General Secretary
The National Evangelical Synod of Syria & Lebanon