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12 October 2023 Statement on the War in Israel

The Australian Council of Christians and Jews (ACCJ) is horrified at the savage attack on Israel by Hamas.

The scenes of brutal terrorism: murder and public executions of innocent civilians, teenagers, babies, women and young children fill us with revulsion and terrify not only Israelis but many people around the world.

We are aware of the emotional effect this is having on people in the Jewish community and many others.

We express our solidarity with the many Australians who have family and friends in Israel/Palestine and we understand the deep emotion and constant worry that they are experiencing.

We join many around the world and embrace the shattered families and mourn their loss.

We pray for the wounded and for those who are still missing or held hostage.

We pray for all, Israelis and Palestinians alike, who are suffering because of this savagery.

We call for our whole community to reach out to one other and support one another and for an end to the senseless, horrific violence.

We pray that this war ends soon so that genuine seekers of peace can search in good faith for a long-term solution where Israelis and Palestinians can live their lives in peace and without fear.

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