

Cardinal Maida on Events in Holy Land

“This time of transition prompts my concerns and prayers for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land and my solidarity with all the children of Abraham. In the spirit of the Psalms, I pray everyday for the peace of Jerusalem. At the end of Ramadan, I pray with all Muslims for a worldwide vision of renewal and reconciliation. I pray that with the passing of Palestinian National Authority President Yasser Arafat that there will be new initiatives for peace in the Middle East.

“Our Holy Father Pope John Paul II met with Yasser Arafat a dozen times during his pontificate to be an advocate for peace. I join with the Holy Father praying to ‘the Prince of Peace that the star of harmony will soon shine on the Holy Land and that the two Peoples dwelling therein may lived reconciled among themselves as two independent and sovereign states.’”

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