



from Garth...

Enough is Enough!!!

Zoughbi Zoughbi - "Enough is enough!!! We call upon 'the free and democratic world', all human rights groups, the USA and Europe, Russia, the UN agencies, the various active groups in the world, and the people everywhere to find creative ways to protect the Palestinian people and to put an end to the misery of Palestinian lives by ending the Israeli occupation. **We want to celebrate life, and not death.**"

Many of you will know Zoughbi Zoughbi, the Director of Wi'am Conflict Resolution Centre.

Some of you will have met him when we visit Wi'am, a haven of peace right next to the huge separation wall. The comments and actions of the new Israeli government have prompted Zoughbi, the gentlest of peacemakers, to say "Enough is enough!!!" The massacre at Jenin particularly shocked the Palestinian community. Ten were killed (one dying later in the day) - this occurred after a year where the numbers of Palestinians killed were extremely high - **231 according to Mondoweiss**

The awful thing about violence is it leads to violence, and seven people killed at the synagogue in Jerusalem is another reason for saying "enough is enough". Violence only leads to violence and the new government of Israel calling out for everyone to carry guns simply means more violence.

As Zoughbi said, we want to celebrate life, not death.



In a world full of wars, and weapons of destruction
A voice can still be heard if we listen
It is a holy voice of peace - crying out for wars to cease
And to reject the violent ways of domination
*from my song Way of Peace, on the album **Stealing Jesus Back***

Help us to be masters of the weapons that threaten to master us.
Help us to use our science for peace and plenty, not for war and destruction.
Show us how to use atomic power to bless our children's children, not to blight them.
Grant us to seek peace where it is truly found!
In your will, O God, is our peace!
Thomas Merton, A Book of Hours

The Holy Grail is Love



World leaders are thinking that the answers can come
In the power of violence from the tank and the gun
In bombing the people with rockets and planes
But I want them to know it's not in my name

With the horror of the war in Ukraine I've listened to politicians relentlessly talking about providing arms, but not talking about peace talks. CND, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and Stop the War Coalition, are calling for a national demonstration on the 25th of February, and their emphasis is "Peace Talks Now - Stop the War in Ukraine". They also say "**No to nuclear war, no to the Russian invasion, and no to NATO.**"

What they are saying really resonated with me. There has been so much talk of armaments and talk of “winning”, and it has pushed us into a very dangerous position. CND point out, “This week the bulletin of the atomic scientists pushed forward the hands of the Doomsday Clock ten seconds. In large part due to the war in Ukraine and Russia’s nuclear threats. This is the closest we’ve ever been to nuclear war.”

And in the face of all this, CND and Stop the War Coalition are calling for "an end to the fighting, an end to the nuclear threats, and for a peaceful solution to the war before it's too late." I felt that my song [Not In My Name](#) is saying something very relevant for this time, and so too is the song [The Pope Went Down to Nagasaki](#). You can click on those titles to see/hear them on YouTube.

*Our world would be so much better
Without these instruments of death
He told the political leaders
“Please don’t forget
They are not the answer
For stability, security or peace.”
These moving words of Pope Francis
Are a cry for wars to cease
from [The Pope Went Down to Nagasaki](#)*

*Call me old fashioned, call me naïve
But it’s something to do with what I believe
Those that live by the sword are going to die by it too
I think that’s true so it’s not in my name
from [Not In My Name](#)*

“It is devastatingly sad to see the human race feeling compelled to march further down the road towards ultimate destruction. The Holy Grail is love. That is what we should be promoting and protecting with every ounce of energy we all have.”

Roger Waters

May God change the hearts of the violent



A Prayer by Pope Francis

**May God change the hearts of the violent
May God change the hearts of those who seek war
May God change the hearts of those who manufacture and sell arms
And may God strengthen the hearts and minds of peacemakers
And grant them every blessing
May God bless you all!**

*Address at the Latin Church
in Bethany Beyond the Jordan*



*Garth's song Not In My Name is
on the double album Against the
Grain - [click here to order your
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