

Hebron

Dear Lord and Father of us all,

We pray for Hebron and for all who live there:

- Tens of thousands of Palestinians,
- A few hundred Jews.

We remember the suffering of countless families, Arabs and Jews, in a city that's been such a flashpoint for sectarian violence over so many generations.

We give thanks for Abraham, - father-figure for Jews, Muslims and Christians alike, who lies buried within the ancient walls of Hebron. Remind us of:

- his faith,
- his readiness to do your will,
- his ability to put his own plans on one side and
- his readiness to following your way wherever it might lead.

Give us courage to be inspired by the example of Abraham; may his voice speak across the centuries; and may peace flourish in Hebron, the Holy Land, in our hearts and throughout the whole wide world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Abraham is a key figure for three major world religions and the city where he lies buried must surely help the followers of those faiths to find a focal point for their dialogue. Yet it remains a very troubled city.