

Dear Friends of Becoming Neighbours,

Being Builders of Peace by Living Lives of Peace

- Request for your prayers



Pictured is the Al Jajeh family sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto. They were forced to flee Syria when the family business and home were destroyed. From the first day of their arrival these genuinely amazing people have been in love with Canada. Everyone has been working extremely hard, as they always have, committed to paying their own way and contributing to their new country and home.

On Thanksgiving Day, Talal, the Father suffered a heart attack and was rushed to hospital. Then on Friday, October 20, Obedh, the son and two of his friends were sitting on a wall at school when two youth on a motorcycle drove up and attacked one of the boys beside Obedh. When Obedh and the other youth went to his aid, they were swarmed by a larger group. All seriously stabbed and hospitalized. Obedh is now home recovering. A suspect has been arrested and appeared in court. The victims do not know them, but the police know the suspect and this group well, as they have had problems with them in past. Obedh has been working fulltime, and going to school. This family struggled for a long time to make it to Canada and to find peace. As you can imagine, to now experience both of these traumas back to back is overwhelming. A volunteer of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto working with the Al Jajeh family has set up a Trust Fund for donations to assist this family especially during the time when Talal and Obedh are not able to work. See <https://www.gofundme.com/greatsyrianfamily>.

- Joining together with all Canadians we invite all of us each and every day, and especially on Nov. 11, in

REMEMBERING those who gave their lives to ensure the freedom of Canada.

BEING IN SOLIDARITY with victims of war especially women and children.

COMMITTING OURSELVES to be builders of peace by living lives of Peace.



Find attached Nov. 03 "Fridge Notes for Companions" and "Prayer for World Day of the Poor."

- "Humanity Risks Suicide" with the increased threat of nuclear confrontation between the United States and North Korea, Pope Francis has convened a Vatican Conference (November 10-11) of 11 Nobel Peace Laureates, top United Nations and NATO officials and ambassadors from key countries.
- **PERSONAL CHALLENGE : NOVEMBER 11 IS REMEMBRANCE DAY.**

On November 11 challenge yourself to do at least one act of PEACE in your life, your neighbourhood, your city, your world. Visit members in the infirmary, write a note of caring support to your Congregational Leader, phone a newcomer and offer a listening heart.

Whatever it is, offer your PEACE to the heart of someone else. There is a good chance your own heart will end up singing! Embody PEACE and carry healing into the world to one person, one seemingly small action at a time.

Together let us be builders of peace by living lives of peace,



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