

A Shared Dream

This poem was composed by twenty-three members of Combatants for Peace following the violence that began on October 7, 2023. Within it we give you our shared dream. We invite you to light a candle in solidarity and dream with us. As we take action for justice and peace, we will keep the flame of hope alive together.

I dream for love to replace fear
I dream that we would see
ourselves in each other
Images created the same
Let us not use religion to justify
supremacy, murder, and hate
Let us heal and forgive
Let us find another way

I dream of a home
where I belong
This beautiful land
could be a paradise
Made holy through our care
for one another
I do not want to make
the other leave
There is no "us" and "them"
We both want to live in
peace, dignity, justice, and liberty
So let us sit and talk
for as long as it takes
We are both here to stay

end to violence

Some days
I wish to die before I see
another loved one killed
And still I dream
For an end to the bloodshed
For the protection of life
For help from
the international community

freedom

All my life
I do not know what it means
to be free
Not even one day
What does it feel like?
Before I die, I wish to know
I dream
For an end to the occupation
For collective liberation

a shared future

I have this dream
where I watch Palestinian
and Israeli children play
Not as kid soldiers
or heroes
They just get to be
and see another day
I dream for our children to
live together in peace
In a homeland where they
can believe in humanity
This dream begins with me

love

homeland

