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## Statement on the attack on Israel and call for Peace

**ST. LOUIS** – In response to the violence in the Middle East, Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski released the following statement:

*“My prayers of peace and solidarity go out to the attacked people of Israel, and to our Jewish community we know as partners, neighbors, and friends in St. Louis.*

*As communities of faith, we know that violence has no place in our hearts and way of life. We recognize that this escalation of violence impacts all families in the region and has lasting effects on present and future generations. Mindful of our religious calling to work for justice and peace in service of the common good, we must, again, condemn any acts of aggression that fuel hate and bring devastation for those in need of greater peace, comfort, and solidarity.*

*As Christians, too, we must recall our commitment to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12: 31) and join people of good will in exhorting all involved to work for the cessation of violence and pursue the path of dialogue and peace.”*

— Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski,  
Archbishop of St Louis

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