



Please Give Generously to the
Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Mass Announcement

Good Morning.

For the next few minutes, I'm not (Insert own name), I'm the voice of the voiceless in the Holy Land. I'm talking about our Christian brothers and sisters who are living every day in hardship and danger as they uphold our Faith in a place where we are in a shocking minority: a mere one percent of the population.

It's hard to believe there aren't more of us living where Jesus walked . . . died . . . and rose from the dead . . . the place where our Church began . . . where our holiest shrines are located.

It's hard to believe . . . until you remember the countless news reports of Christians being persecuted and maltreated in the Middle East.

The brave people who stay despite increasing anti-Christian violence need our support!

In addition to offering our prayers, we will soon have a special opportunity to help.

At Good Friday services, when the Church takes up its annual worldwide Holy Land collection, please be **extra** generous. If you gave nothing in the past, consider making some type of gift. If you gave a dollar last year, think of giving two. If you gave five dollars, why not make it seven or ten or even more? And if you won't be attending services, consider putting your gift in an envelope marked GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION and dropping it in the Sunday basket or mailing it to the parish office.

Each of us may not be able make a difference on our own, but ALL of us together can have an impact. It's the least we can do.

Thank you. And may God bless you.