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A Prayer for the People of Israel and Gaza

God of Peace, we cry out to You amidst the turmoil engulfing in the Holy Land. Just as you stilled the storm at sea, we ask you now to bring stillness to the winds of war. We mourn the dead and plead for the violence to cease. Let no more lives be lost on either side. Bring healing to the injured and free those held captive. Protect the innocent and powerless. Lord, hear our prayer.

The Catholic Crusade

GOOD NEWS

EUROPEANS VALUE A HEALTHY MIND AS MUCH AS A HEALTHY BODY, A POLL SHOWED

An EU poll has revealed that almost nine in 10 people believe that the promotion of good mental health is as important as nurturing robust physical health.

FRESH HOPES RAISED FOR THE EARLY DETECTION OF PARKINSON'S

Researchers in Denmark are developing a method to detect damaged DNA fragments in the blood that could pave the way for early diagnosis and treatment. In Australia, researchers believe a protein deficiency linked to Parkinson's could help diagnose the condition decades before it causes irreversible damage.

A US STATE MADE EMISSIONS TRANSPARENCY A LEGAL OBLIGATION

Milestone legislation approved in California is forcing big businesses to disclose greenhouse gas emissions.

LONG-DISTANCE TRAIN REVIVAL GATHERS PACE

Rail passengers will be able to bed down in Brussels or Amsterdam and wake for breakfast in Dresden or Prague under plans to expand Europe's night train network.

Read more at

<https://www.positive.news/society/good-news-stories-from-week-41-of-2023/>

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

TODAY IS ANTI-SLAVERY DAY

The Clewer Initiative invites us to Do One Thing

Any action, no matter how small, could change or save the life of somebody in desperate circumstances. *We therefore invite you to commit to delivering one anti-slavery action this year.*

This could include signing up for modern slavery training, setting up a social action project, making a commitment to ethical purchasing or simply using the Safe Car Wash App. Whether you've been working on anti-slavery projects for years or are only just hearing about this heinous crime for the first time, we can all do something to help make our communities Slavery Free.

Read more at

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/campaigns/anti-slavery-day-make-it-slavery-free>

**MAKE IT
SLAVERY FREE**

Take the pledge to end modern slavery
and exploitative conditions
in our community

**THE CLEWER
INITIATIVE**

www.theclewerinitiative.org/slavery-free

The poster features a yellow background. At the top, the text 'MAKE IT SLAVERY FREE' is written in white on a black rectangular background. Below this, the text 'Take the pledge to end modern slavery and exploitative conditions in our community' is written in black. In the center, there is a black silhouette of a person's head in profile, facing left. From the top of the head, a large number of small black birds are flying outwards. At the bottom left, there is a small yellow circle followed by the text 'THE CLEWER INITIATIVE'. At the bottom right, there is the website address 'www.theclewerinitiative.org/slavery-free' and a QR code.