



2017 PRAYER TOPIC GUIDE

1. PRAY FOR RESTORATION

We worship God, who “makes all things new” (Rev. 21:5)...the God of restoration. When the Lord restores something, it is always increased, multiplied or improved so that its latter state is significantly better than its original state. (See Joel 2: 21 – 26) As the Psalmist writes, God more than restores souls. God’s covenant with the Land as well as with the people is everlasting.

- Pray that as God continues to restore His land in accordance to His promises, that the people of the Land will realize it is God himself who has and is restoring them and not their own works.
- Pray God's promise that “Israel will bud and blossom and fill the world with fruit.” (Isaiah 27:6)
- Pray that God brings beauty out of ashes and life out of things that seemed dead. Pray that Israel will continue pioneering inventions and developing medical, agricultural and environmental devices and practices. Praise God for the many Israeli innovations that bring “restoration” to people and places. Ask Him to continue to give creativity to Israeli companies and innovators.
- Pray for a restoration of authentic worship, love and obedience to the Word of God and to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob throughout the land of Israel extending to all people.

Jeremiah 30:17 *"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the LORD 'Because they called you an outcast saying: "This is Zion; no one seeks her.'"*

Isaiah 61:4 *"And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations."*

Psalms 80:7 *"Restore us, O God of hosts; cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved."*

Other verses: Amos 9:11; Psalm 126; Psalm 147:2 - 3; Isaiah 35:1; Isaiah 41:18 - 20; Jeremiah 30:18; Jeremiah 31:12; Ezekiel 34:25 - 30

2. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD RAISE UP CHRISTIAN “WATCHMEN” TO PRAY FOR HIS PEACE AND HIS PURPOSES TO MANIFEST IN THIS SPIRITUALLY STRATEGIC LAND

Imagine the possibilities if the Church would fulfill her Biblical mandate and would begin to fervently pray for God's plan, purposes and peace for Jerusalem and Israel. May God bring His perfect unity to intercessors, houses of prayer, churches and organizations to raise up watchmen!

- Pray that God will raise up, increase, and embolden Christian “Watchmen” in each nation, especially in light of increased global anti-Semitism.
- Pray for current houses of prayer to have an engaged and enlarged heart for Israel and God’s purposes for the Land and its inhabitants. Pray that God would also call and add additional praying people, houses of prayer, and prayer groups to encourage and increase intercession.
- Pray Psalm 91 protection for those standing in prayer for Israel, especially watchmen living in countries governed by Koranic or anti-democratic rule of law (for example, communism, totalitarianism, Sharia, and the like).
- Pray that informed strategic intercession would increase. Pray that any spiritual attack from the enemy be thwarted as we pray for Israel. Prayer leaders and houses of prayer also need to be equipped with prayer coverage, leadership training, and the resources needed to succeed.
- Pray also for those programs that are educating and equipping Christians of all ages to stand with and pray for Israel. Some of these include: Eagles’ Wings Watchmen on the Wall Curriculum and Israel Experience Program, as well as various initiatives by Bridges for Peace, ICEJ, Christians United for Israel and many others.

Isaiah 62:6 *“I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night.”*

Deuteronomy 31:6 *“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”*

Jeremiah 32:18b, 19 *“...the Mighty God, whose Name is the Lord of hosts. You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.”*

Ephesians 2:15 *“...having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace...”*

Other verses: Genesis 12:3; Numbers 24:5, 9; 2 Samuel 22:2 - 3; Psalm 23:4; Psalm 32:10; Psalm 33:20 - 22; Psalm 55:22; Psalm 91:2 - 5; Psalm 102:13, 14; Psalm 145:17 - 20; Isaiah 40:1 - 5; Isaiah 21:6; Isaiah 52:8; Isaiah 59:16; Isaiah 62:7; Ephesians 2:15

3. PRAY FOR PEACE AND PROTECTION

Even though the Jewish people and the nation of Israel have desperately desired peace; peace has historically eluded this tiny nation and this particular people. Throughout the ages, the Jewish people have endured relentless harassment, persecution, near annihilation, and have been dispersed throughout the nations. While surrounded by adversaries, both foreign and domestic, Israel's desire and hope for peace remains as constant as her enemies' desire for her death and destruction.

- Pray for guidance, direction and wisdom for Israeli government and military leaders as they design and execute protection strategies for the country.
- Pray for supernatural protection from God and for Angelic hosts to encamp around the Land. (See Psalm 83)
- Pray that the plans of their natural and spiritual enemies would be revealed and thwarted.
- Pray that the nations would not be deceived but would align with Israel.
- Pray for Godly wisdom for those bartering for peace in the peace process.
- Pray that Israel will know that true shalom will come from the Lord and not from man. (Psalm 20:7)

Psalm 17:8 *“Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.*

Psalm 20:7 *“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

Psalm 83:1 - 5 and 18 *“O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. “Come,” they say, “let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more.” With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you... Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD – that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.*

Psalm 121:4 *“Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”*

Other verses: Psalm 122:6, Zechariah 2:5, Psalm 147:13 - 14, Zechariah 8:4 - 5, Isaiah 54:10 and 13

4. PRAY REGARDING RADICAL ISLAM AND JIHAD (HAMAS, HEZBOLLAH, ISIS, ETC.)

The battle is not Israel against the Arabs, nor Israel against the Palestinians, but rather radical Islam against everyone that is not of their fundamentalist's beliefs. Radical Islam continues to use their theology of hatred to fuel propaganda, threats, and increasingly violent terror attacks against those who do not believe in their particular brand of Islam (including even moderate Muslims.) Global domination is the ultimate goal and the people of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - both Jews and Christians - are in their crosshairs. But we must remember that not all Muslims are militant or radical Islamists and that they are people loved by God and offered the free gift of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Pray that radical Islamic groups (such as ISIS, the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Hezbollah, Al Qaeda, Boko Haram and others) are not successful in *anyway* moving forward. Pray that their plots and plans are disrupted. Pray that the groups themselves would disintegrate through internal division and dissension.
- Pray that people trapped in radical Islam have their eyes open to see these organizations for the cults of devilish evil and death that they are and that they would encounter the true and living God who loves them.
- Pray that the zeal and violence with which radical Muslims pursue Islam is translated into a passionate pursuit of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for protection for courageous and fair-minded moderate Muslims speaking out against radical Islam and Jihad.
- Pray also that Western Democracies not fall victim to the politically correct “tolerance” that allows “creeping Jihad” or “cultural Jihad” to infiltrate their governmental and legal systems so that parallel communities governed by Sharia Law are created in the midst of the democratic Host country.

Psalm 11:5 *“The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.”*

Psalm 37: 20 *“But the wicked shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord, like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.”*

Jeremiah 15: 20 - 21 *“I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you, declares the Lord. I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel.”*

Other verses: Psalm 2:2 - 5, Psalm 3:1 and 3; Psalm 5:9 - 10; Psalm 55:9 - 11 and 16 - 17; Psalm 83:4; Psalm 140:1 - 8; Proverbs 21:29 - 30; Isaiah 8:9 - 10

5. PRAY FOR RECONCILIATION (JEWISH/CHRISTIAN, JEWISH/ARAB AND OTHER PEOPLE GROUPS)

Our God has always lived in community in that He functions as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Three Persons in One. There is neither comparison nor competition among them; each Person of the Godhead delights in and gives honor to Each Other. God's desire is that mankind – made in His image – would reflect Him in all of His ways, especially in our relationships and interactions with one another.

JEWISH/CHRISTIAN

- Pray for the roots of our faith -- Reconciliation between the Christian and Jewish people.
- Pray for God's favor and blessing on those ministries working to build stronger relationships between all who embrace Judeo-Christian values like: Eagles' Wings, ICEJ, Bridges for Peace, CUFI, Center for Jewish Christian Understanding and Cooperation (CJCUC) to name a few.

Isaiah 51:1b - 2a *“Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you.”*

Romans 11:18 - *“Do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.”*

Other verses: Ruth 1:16; Psalm 80:14, 15; Isaiah 56:8; Malachi 4:6; John 4:22; Romans 9:4 – 5; Romans 11:2 and 11; Galatians 3:29

JEWISH/ARAB

- Pray for the offspring of Ishmael and Isaac - Reconciliation with Arab and Jewish peoples
- Pray that deep, genuine fellowship would develop between Arab and Jewish people living together in Jerusalem and throughout Israel.

Psalm 133:1 - *“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”*

Other verses: Isaiah 14:5 - 7; Isaiah 49:9; Ephesians 2:15

OTHER PEOPLE GROUPS

- Pray for all people groups -- For healing and reconciliation for between minority and majority groups within Israel and the nations

Isaiah 60:1 - 3 - *“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”*

6. PRAY FOR HEALING FROM PAIN IN THE PAST

We serve the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, and He desires to bring “Abundant Life” to every season – past, present and future. It is therefore not surprising that when Jesus proclaimed His mission, He said He was sent to heal the brokenhearted and to proclaim liberty to the captives. (Isaiah 61:1 - 3) Today we can do the same by the power of prayer in the Name of Jesus for those in Israel who have tremendous pain from facing threats and acts of terrorism on a everyday basis.

- Pray that the joy of the Lord would be the strength of Israel. (Nehemiah 8:10)
- Pray for emotional, psychological and physical healing for those who are victims of terrorism.
- Pray that the anointing bestowed upon David known as the “Davidic anointing” would be graciously poured out over all Israel and to all the nations.
- Pray that new songs unto the Lord would bring forth deliverance, healing, restoration and joy for those who live in Zion.

Psalm 126: 1 - 6 – *“When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, ‘The LORD has done great things for them.’ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad. Bring back our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the South. Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”*

Isaiah 30:26 - *“The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the LORD binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.”*

Hosea 11: 3 - 4 - *“It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their necks and bent down to feed them.”*

Other verses: Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 65:8; Psalm 66:10 - 12; Psalm 126: 1-3; Psalm 129:2 - 7; Isaiah 14:5 - 7; Isaiah 49:9; Isaiah 51:3; Jeremiah 30:4 - 6 and 16 - 17; Jeremiah 31:1 - 2

7. **PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN ARABS IN ISRAEL – PROTECTION, RELEASE FROM REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY FOR OTHERS AND HELP FROM THE CHURCH RATHER THAN HAMAS**

There are Christian Arabs living in Israel who have had a wonderful salvation experience with Jesus Christ. However these Christians live in the literal midst of their enemy and the worldwide Church seems to be unaware or uninterested in their plight and unique needs. Many are severely persecuted by Muslim Arab neighbors. Others do not yet have a Biblical revelation of God's Covenant with the Jewish people and His plan for "the One New Man." (Ephesians 2:15) and have embraced "Replacement Theology," believing God is finished with the Jewish people.

- Pray for protection and provision for Arab Christians who are severely persecuted by Muslim Arabs.
- Pray for their physical, financial and emotional needs.
- Pray that the Church realizes the need to embrace and advocate for these forgotten brothers and sisters in Christ and help heal their hurts and trauma.
- We especially need to guard in prayer those Israeli Arab believers living in Palestine Authority controlled regions and in surrounding Arab countries who DO stand with Israel and who DO serve the Lord along with Jewish Believers as the "one new man" in Christ.

Ephesians 2:19 *"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God"*

Psalm 10: 12 *" Arise, O Lord! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble."*

Other verses: Psalm 33:20 - 22; Psalm 34:15 - 17; Psalm 61:1 - 3; Psalm 10:17 - 18; Ephesians 2:14 - 18 Colossians 2:8 (Deception on Replacement Theology); James 2:15 - 17 (Meeting the needs of Christian Arabs)

8. PRAY AGAINST TERROR IN THE LAND

Modern day Israel is a country who has known almost constant internal and external hostilities and war since her birth in 1947. Major attempts have been made to destroy Israel by the Arab world: in 1947, 1967, and 1973. On top of external threats, internal Palestinian uprisings bring intensified Palestinian-Israeli violence. These result in regular assaults on Israeli citizens. The internal violence, called "intifadas" (an Arabic word meaning "tremor" or "shuddering"), cover periods of unrest, protests, and attacks during the years 1987 - 1993; 2000 - 2005; 2014 (also known as the Silent Intifada), and the most recent "Knife Intifada" from September 2015 into the first 6 months of 2016.

Israel's security services reported 222 terrorist attacks against Israelis in July of 2017, the highest number in any month since December 2015. The Israel Security Agency, Shabak, recorded a total of 2,314 attacks from January 2016 to July 2017, in which 33 victims died and 223 were wounded. Continuing efforts at peace-making with neighboring Arab countries and the Palestinian people are still to no avail.

- Pray that plots of terror and violent will be uncovered and stopped before they are perpetrated
- Pray that God would guide the Israeli police military and security forces in their efforts to stop bloodshed and mayhem
- Pray for guidance for government leaders involved in any potential peace negotiations
- Pray that God would bring shalom to the innocent families of the victims, both Israeli and Palestinians
- Pray that hatred is replaced with understanding, patience, and brotherly love

Psalm 91:4 - 6 *"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday."*

Luke 10:19 *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

Ephesians 6:12 *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,^[a] against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

Other verses: Psalm 17:13; Psalm 18:46 - 48; Psalm 23:4; Psalm 33:20 - 22; Psalm 34:15 - 18; Psalm 35:9 - 10; Psalm 55:9 - 11 and 16 - 17; Psalm 57:1 - 3; Psalm 59:1 - 2; Psalm 62:7 - 8; Psalm 82:4; Psalm 91:2 - 5; Psalm 140:1 - 2, 4 and 6 - 8; Psalm 142: 1 and 3 - 5; Isaiah 30:19; Proverbs 3:25 - 26; Jeremiah 15:20 - 21

9. PRAY FOR FAIR AND HONEST MEDIA COVERAGE

Israel battles not only with Arab armies and radical Islamic Jihadists, but also with over-zealous, biased media focus that creates international scorn and criticism. Through efforts by biased media to delegitimize and demonize Israel, a potentially deadly form of warfare against the Jewish state is being waged. The question as to whether Israel has “the right to exist” is being seriously debated and the battle for fair and honest media coverage must be taken up by intercessors and Christian advocates throughout the globe.

In addition to the mainstream media, terrorist organizations are now using social media platforms to recruit new members and spread propaganda to expand their efforts far beyond their own borders. Terrorists are even using social media outlets to target young kids according to national security experts.

- Pray for fair and honest media coverage and for moral clarity for the media, particularly when covering Israel and the Middle East.
- Pray that the God of Truth would reveal all truth and that He would not rest until He makes Jerusalem a praise of all the earth! (Isaiah 62:7)
- Pray that misconceptions regarding the Palestinians are exposed and that the other side of the Palestinian refugee story becomes more widely known.
- Pray that social media companies, internet providers and governmental authorities learn how to battle the terrorists on social media platforms and are able to put a stop to their deceitful messages and recruitment.

Psalm 25:4 - 6 *“Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”*

Proverbs 19:9 *“A false witness shall not be unpunished; and her that breatheth forth lies shall perish.”*

Ephesians 4:25 *“Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,”^[a] for we are members of one another.”*

Other verses: Proverbs 26:28, Isaiah 5:20

10. PRAY AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

Anti-Semitism is hostility, prejudice, or discrimination against Jews. This form of racism is growing at an alarming rate and is evident not only in Muslim countries, but also in Europe, Canada, Hispanic countries and on college campuses both here and abroad. Most statistics point to a level of anti-Semitism that was found in Europe right before World War II. The increase of hate crimes against Jewish people, as well as their homes, schools, synagogues, cemeteries, and community centers comes not only from radical Islamic forces but also from the rise of Neo-Nazi groups, “Skinheads,” White Supremacists, and those who hate the political actions of the state of Israel, as we have recently witnessed in our own country. In addition, traditional anti-Semitism has been replaced by the more “politically correct” anti-Zionism and anti-Israel activism. We dare not be fooled...they are still one and the same.

As another non-military attack, the growing global movement called “Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions” (BDS) against Israel not only puts great economic and political pressure on Israel, but also seeks to isolate Israel from academic institutions, from the arts, and from business. This movement is especially strong on college campuses and in academic circles.

- Pray for the halt of lies and that God would not allow any anti-Semitism or the BDS movement to gain ground. Pray for truth to be widely told, understood, and embraced.
- Pray that Christians throughout the world would speak up to defend and protect their Jewish friends, neighbors, and colleagues.
- Pray that there is a deep desire to biblically know and understand God’s heart for Israel and the Jewish People within Christians everywhere and especially within Christian leaders.

Psalms 109:3 *“They compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.”*

Psalm 5:6 *“You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the Lord abhors.”*

Other verses: Psalm 10:8 and 12; Psalm 17:3; Psalm 83:1 - 3; Psalm 86:14 - 16; Proverbs 24:1 - 3; Psalm 140:1 - 2, 4, 6 - 8; Jeremiah 9:3

11. PRAY FOR THE REDEMPTION OF GOD'S HOLY LAND

Rebecca Brimmer, on page 101 of her book "For Zion's sake I will not be Silent" says:
"In Ezekiel 36: 22 - 28, God tells of His plan to bring the people back. He didn't say that the people were being brought back because of their own righteousness; rather, He says that He is bringing them back for the sake of His Name. In Hebraic thought, a name stood for the character of a person. When God says He is doing something for the sake of His Name, He is saying that His Reputation is at stake. He promised to do certain things and He will fulfill them so that the nations will know that He is God."

- Pray for the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem and save Israel.
- Pray that people's hearts in Israel are open and tender to the Lord's call.
- Pray that Israel will truly see that their only hope of redemption is a full return and embrace of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Isaiah 45:17a *"Israel will be saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation..."*

Ezekiel 36:26 - 28 *"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a right spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My Statutes and you will be careful to observe My Ordinances. And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people and I will be your God."*

Romans 11:26 - 27 *"And so all of Israel will be saved, as it is written: The Deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins."*

Other verses: Psalm 130: 7 - 8; Isaiah 33:24; Isaiah 35:8 - 10; Isaiah 44:3 - 5 and 21 - 23; Isaiah 46:13; Isaiah 62:1 and 10 - 12; Jeremiah 31:31 - 34; Jeremiah 33:7 - 9; Jeremiah 50:20; Ezekiel 11:18 - 19; Joel 2:28 - 29 and 32; Joel 3:21; Micah 7:18 - 20; Zechariah 12:10 - 12; Zechariah 13:1 - 2; Hebrews 8:8 - 12; Hebrews 10:16 - 17

12. PRAY FOR ISRAEL'S LEADERS - WISDOM, INTEGRITY

The leaders in Israel today have a wonderful legacy from Biblical times of seeking God for national guidance and direction. However, they need the wisdom and the inspiration to study and to draw from that legacy. Abraham, Moses, Joshua, and David were mighty men of God who led Israel to victory and blessing because they “inquired of the Lord” and then obeyed their God's directives. May the Israeli leaders of today follow this righteous model.

- Pray that today’s Israeli leaders would not trust in their military might or in their friendship with the United States, but instead would put their trust in the Lord – The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- Pray for moral clarity among Israeli leaders.
- Pray for Godly wisdom for the current Prime Minister (August 2017 - Benjamin Netanyahu) and for Israel’s President (August 2017 – Reuven Rivlin) and for the government and administration as they seek to protect the nation and all her citizens.
- Pray also that Israel would know how to handle Iran, Syria, Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, and other countries with radical Islamic policies.
- Pray also for Godly wisdom on their part as they interact with the United States and other western government leaders.

Proverbs 3:5 – 7 *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.”*

I Timothy 2:1-2 *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

Other verses: Proverbs 8:12 - 17; Proverbs 16:10 and 23; Proverbs 21:1; Proverbs 28:3 - 5; Isaiah 9:6 - 7; Hebrews 13:17

13. PRAY FOR PRO-ISRAEL/JERUSALEM PRAYER INITIATIVES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Throughout the United States, Europe and other countries, the battle for Judeo-Christian values is being fought on the college campuses, where rampant anti-Semitism takes many forms. Middle Eastern debates often lack representation of a pro-Israel voice. Harassment of Jewish and pro-Israel students is increasing. Anti-Israel protests, rallies, demonstrations petitions, books, and articles bombard the hearts and minds of those in academic communities. And finally, radical Islam is in a real battle for the hearts and minds of our young adults. We must pray for our college and university campuses throughout the Western World.

- Pray for those who speak out on behalf of truth, justice and equity on college campuses for the sake of Israel and Jewish students or teachers need our prayers for protection, wisdom, courage, and empowerment.
- Pray specifically for the increased growth, participation and fruit from the Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem on Campus and CUFI on Campus gatherings this year, along with the increase of Christian campus leaders for such prayer/advocacy movements.
- Pray for the necessary funding for the Israel Experience College Scholarship Program so that many more of tomorrow's leaders will receive an educated heart for Israel.
- Pray Biblical wisdom for university leadership (especially in regards to the funding of Islamic Studies departments and chairs, as well as the BDS movement).
- Pray for protection, wisdom, and Biblical unity for students, universities and communities involved in pro-Israel initiatives.

Psalm 20:7 *"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the Name of the Lord our God."*

Ephesians 1:17 - 19 - *"...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe."*

Other verses: Psalm 33:20 - 22; Psalm 55:22; Psalm 62:7 - 8; Psalm 121:1 - 4; Psalm 145:17 - 20; Proverbs 3:5 - 7

14. PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE LAND

(Note: "Youth" in Israel would include ages 18 - 35.)

The youth in Israel are unlike the young people in any other country. They have experienced war, terror and horrific attacks since the day they were born because Israel has experienced war and terror since it was born. Because all 18-year olds, male and female alike, are required to join the Israeli Defense Forces, "life and death" responsibility and sacrificial service for one's country comes at an early age. To offset the seriousness of survival, Israeli youth also know how to have fun, which can sometimes lead those without a strong religious faith into a lifestyle of immediate gratification and worldly pleasures. (The abortion rate is high in Israel.) Almost every young person in Israel has lost someone they know or love to terror or to war!

- Pray for God to provide hope, healing and love to children and youth.
- Pray for strengthening of families.
- Pray for assurances of Christian support and for freedom from feelings of abandonment.
- Pray that the youth of Israel are raised in righteousness.
- Pray for God to direct all of their ways.

Exodus 15:2 - 3 *"The Lord is my strength and song. And He has become my salvation; He is my God and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will exalt Him. The Lord is a man of war; The Lord is His Name."*

Exodus 15:13 - *"In Your unfailing love You will lead the people You have redeemed. In Your strength You will guide them to Your holy dwelling."*

Other verses: Exodus 15:13; Ecclesiastes 11; Nehemiah 8:10, Psalm 25:7; Psalm 91; Psalm 119:105; Daniel 1:17 and 20; Joel 2:28a; 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 17

15. PRAY FOR THE COMING OF MESSIAH

For thousands of years, the Jewish people have looked and longed for the coming of the Messiah - the "Anointed One." Praying for the Messiah to come is a continuing daily part of prayer in Judaism. We who worship Jesus Christ believe that the Messiah has already come. Let us now join with the Jewish people in their fervent prayers, that the Messiah will reveal Himself to them and come dwell in their midst.

- Pray the Lord reveals Himself as King and Messiah to Israel and to the world.
- Pray for the faithful believers in Israel to sound a clear call to repentance and faithfulness before Messiah's coming.
- Pray for the continued in-gathering of Jews to Israel that must occur before the Messiah arrives.
- Pray for protection for believers and for Israel as prophetic events unfold ushering in the Messiah's appearing.

Isaiah 9:6 *"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Micah 5:2 *"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."*

Ezekiel 34:12 - 16 *"As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."*

Other Verses: Jeremiah 23:5; Luke 2:32; Isaiah 11:11; Zechariah 11:8 and 9

16. PRAY FOR RAIN IN THE LAND

Water is a vital for all life. The nation of Israel has suffered from water shortages for years so we pray for abundant rain to fall to water the dry land. According to the Israeli Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources, "The State of Israel resides in an area suffering from a shortage of water, in the outskirts of a desert. Nevertheless, the State had managed, in collaboration with the private sector, to maximize this limited resource and create a green and blooming environment, paralleling water-rich nations. The promotion and development of the desalination program have given an example of success policies; policies that changed the state of the Israeli water field, and have led it to a new era, by combining administrative approaches, creative thinking, and advanced technologies."

- Pray for needed rain, in the right amounts and in the right seasons to water crops and provide for clean drinking water.
- Pray God would continue to give Israel strategies on water conservation, like desalination and sewage recycling, as well as good water stewardship techniques.
- Pray that the "politics" of water use in Israel may be what God would desire and that water distribution is done fairly for all living in the land.

Psalm 65:9 *"You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so You have ordained it."*

Isaiah 41:17 - 18 *"The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs."*

Other verses: Deuteronomy 28: 1, 12a; Job 5:9 – 10; Job 36:27 – 28; Job 37:5 – 6, 11 – 13; Isaiah 43:18 – 21; Isaiah 55:10; Jeremiah 5:24 – 25; Zechariah 10:1

17. PRAY FOR ALIYAH – FOR THE JEWISH RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND

In his book “Let My People Go” Tom Hess writes that there are over 700 verses of scripture where God promises the Land of Canaan to His chosen people and commands or encourages them to return to the Land of Israel which He gave to them as an everlasting inheritance. When God repeats His word in Scripture, we know that it is vitally important that it be obeyed no matter how things may appear in the natural world.

With the present level of anti-Semitism continually growing under a politically correct guise of “anti-Zionism,” it is becoming increasingly evident that we are quickly approaching the day when Zechariah 14:2 can be fulfilled. As only God could foreknow when He inspired the writers of scripture, the ONLY safe place for Jewish people worldwide is the special homeland that God has given to them for such a time as this.

- Pray that Jewish people throughout the world will be obedient to God’s prompting to make Aliyah.
- Pray for their physical needs (travel, finances, language and cultural barriers, new home, new job, etc) as they make this great change.
- Pray also for those in the land to offer a warm welcome to all the new immigrants.

Jeremiah 29:14 *“I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.”*

Jeremiah 16:14 - 16 *“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers. “Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the LORD, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.*

Other verses: Deuteronomy 30:1 - 5, Psalm 126:1 - 2; Isaiah 11:11 - 12; Isaiah 14:1, 2; Jeremiah 30:3 and 31:8 - 9; Ezekiel 39:26 - 28; Amos 9:13 - 15; Zechariah 8:7 - 8; Zechariah 10:8 - 9

18. PRAY FOR A STRONG ALLIANCE BETWEEN AMERICA AND ISRAEL

Scripture teaches us that God blesses those who bless Israel and prospers those who pray for her peace. Many believe that America has been blessed as a nation not only because it was founded upon Scriptural principles and values but also because America has been a strong ally and friend to Israel since its birth in 1948. The erosion of Christian values among politicians, the dependence upon fossil fuels from Arab countries, the desire to be seen as a "tolerant" nation, and the pressure from the international community, the United Nations, the European Union, and the World Bank, all work together with the spiritual ruler of this world to undermine the continued solidarity and support of America for Israel

While many see the new American Administration attempts to revive the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process as a positive sign, we, The Church, must continue to fervently intercede if the U.S. is not to be found among the nations judged by God because they have opposed Israel. Also under this Administration, promises have been made but not yet acted upon, to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem from its current location in Tel Aviv.

- Pray that the process of the U. S. finally acting on the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 by officially moving its embassy to Jerusalem - Israel's eternal capital -goes forward in a timing and manner honoring God.
- Pray for U.S. political and government leaders to have the courage and moral fiber to stand as allies with Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East.
- Pray that our nation has the political will to either enforce the Iran Nuclear Deal, to enforce the necessary sanctions when the terms are broken or to repeal the deal all together.
- Pray that the U.S. will continue to speak out to protect the rights of Israel as a country in the Middle East and throughout the world.
- Pray that our country would choose to be a "Sheep Nation" (Ezek. 34:17) and stand with Israel in her time of need.
- Pray that "the fear of the Lord" would be upon the U.S. President and elected leaders to continue to support and defend Israel.

Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10, and 12 *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who stands alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him, and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."*

Jeremiah 30:16 *"Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; those who plunder you shall become plunder, and all who prey upon you I will make a prey."*

Other verses: Genesis 12:3; Psalm 122:6; Joel 3:2; Zechariah 12:9

19. PRAY FOR CARING OF THE NEEDY, ELDERLY AND HOMELESS IN THE LAND

In addition to Israel having to use so much of her financial resources for defense purposes, welfare recipients have increased because so many Jewish families now find themselves without a major wage earner because of either death or disability due to terrorism. Israel also continues to take in not only Jewish people making Aliyah and Jewish people needing rescue from oppressive governments (like 14,000+ Ethiopians of Operation Solomon in 1991 from Ethiopia and 8000 Ethiopians of Operation Moses in 1984 from Sudan), but also growing numbers of non-Jewish refugees from surrounding lands like Syria, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Sudan. Christian persecution in these lands by Islamic Extremists like the Muslim Brotherhood and ISIS has brought many Christian refugees into Israel seeking safety and freedom to worship.

- Pray for the caring and healing of the brokenhearted and for those in need.
- Pray for Christian, Jewish, and Non-Government Organizations' working with the needy in the land; for provision, resources and for guidance to be directed to where they are most needed.
- Pray for those forgotten, overlooked, discarded, or misjudged. Pray that they would find wholeness, sustenance, and a place of belonging.

Romans 15:27 *“They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.”*

Isaiah 61:1 - 3 *“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”*

Psalms 82:3 and 4 *“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”*

Matthew 25:40 *“...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”*

Other verses: Psalm 10:17 - 18; Psalm 41:1; Psalm 102:13 - 14; Isaiah 30:19; Psalm 82:3 - 4; Proverbs 14:31

20. PRAY FOR THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE (IDF), POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE, EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES

The tremendous responsibility that the Israeli Defense Force, Police, Fire, Rescue and Emergency Responders face every day requires much in their commitment to serve. These brave men and women hold dangerous jobs where lives often hang in the balance.

- Pray that these dedicated first responders will have the faith, strength, resources, wisdom, shelter and safety that is needed in this work.
- Pray that the Lord will draw them unto Himself through His holy word; give them offense, defense and responder strategies each day; and make them wiser than their enemies and able to defeat all spiritual and physical attacks.
- Pray also that they will have a healthy balance in the ability to be biblical husbands, wives, fathers and mothers to their family.
- Pray for their families to be strong and knitted together with all the support, faith and resources that they need as their loved ones continue this important work standing guard over the land and cities of our God.

Ephesians 6:10 - 13: *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”*

Proverbs 4:5 - 9 *“Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you.”*

Isaiah 54:4 - 5 *“Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.”*

Psalms 118:14 - 17 *“The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. The right hand of the Lord is exalted; The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord.”*

Other Verses: 1 Chron. 29:12; Daniel 6:27; Deut. 20:1-4; ; Eph. 6; Is. 31:5; Is. 37:35; Matt 6:25-27; Neh. 4:20 Psalm 2; Psalm 21; Psalm 27:7-9; Psalm 91; Psalm 144:1-2; Zach 12:8

21. PRAY FOR ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENTAL MINISTRIES INCLUDING THE ENTIRE KNESSET MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Israel is a parliamentary democracy consisting of legislative, executive and judicial branches. Its institutions are the presidency, the Knesset (parliament), the government (cabinet of ministers) and the judiciary. The system is based on the principle of separation of powers, in which the executive branch (the government) is subject to the confidence of the legislative branch (the Knesset) and the independence of the judiciary is guaranteed by law.

Israel refers to its Governmental Leaders as Ministers, and the Offices are referred to as Governmental Ministries. The highest Ministry Office is Prime Minister, who is ceremonially appointed by the President upon recommendation of party Representatives in the Knesset. The Presidency fulfills ceremonial functions as head of State.

The other integral ministers are Ministers of: Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs; Foreign Affairs; Agriculture and Rural Development; Communications; Home Front Defense; Culture and Sport; Defense; Development of the Negev and Galilee; Energy and Water Resources; Regional Cooperation; Ministry of Health; Housing and Construction; Immigrant Absorption; Industry, Trade and Labor; Religious Affairs; Internal Affairs; Intelligence; International Relations; Strategic; Pensioner Affairs; Public Security; Tourism; Transportation, National Infrastructure and Road Safety; Deputy Ministers of Education; Foreign Affairs; Internal Affairs; Minister in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of Religious Affairs; Minister of Transport, National Infrastructure and Road Safety.

- Pray for our Sovereign Lord's will in each of these governmental official's lives and families, that they would be yielded to God's Sovereignty, and would go forth in ruling and overseeing the land in righteousness.
- Pray for the Ministers to see wisdom; as it says in God's Word, humble wisdom from the Lord is everything. See 2 Chronicles 1:11-13.
- Pray also that each one would be ministered to by the Lord, matured, strengthened, anointed, guarded and protected in the calling on their lives in serving Israel.

Deuteronomy 1:10 - 13 *"The Lord your God has multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. May the Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you! How can I alone bear your problems and your burdens and your complaints? Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you."*

Proverbs 15:32 - 33 *"He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility."*

Other Verses: Genesis 12; Prov. 29:4; Daniel 27:27; Deut. 1:13; Numb 11:16-17; Romans 11; Romans 13: 1-2; Prov. 3:5-7; Prov. 15:33; Prov. 29:4; Psalm 68; Psalm 91; Zech. 12:9

22. PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE BIBLICAL HOLY PLACES, JERUSALEM – THE UNITED ETERNAL CAPITAL OF ISRAEL.

Israel's history and holy sites have been continually attacked from its establishment as a modern nation in 1947. Israel clearly stated its intentions towards the Biblical holy place in 1967 by passing the Protection of the Holy Places Law, which states: *“The Holy Places shall be protected from desecration and any other violation and from anything likely to violate the freedom of access of the members of the different religions to the places sacred to them or their feelings with regard to those places...”*

Today, the holy sites such as: Jerusalem, The Temple Mount, Western Wall, Tomb of Jesus, Church of the Holy Sepulcher; Cemeteries, Ancient Tombs, Mt. Zion, Memorials, The Via Dolorosa (road Jesus walked) and the Mount of Olives have faced many oppositions from various religions and nations that have looked to destroy these holy sites with vandalism and distort the truth of Israel's history by laying false claim to them. Some have gone as far as to say that they will wipe Israel off the face of the earth and have threatened and plotted to divide, plunder and seize Jerusalem. Despite the adversity, Israel has stood strong in the storm to keep sanctity, truth and protection in place.

- Pray for the protection of all the biblical holy sites, Jerusalem, the undivided, eternal capital of Israel.
- Pray also for the ongoing protection of the Jewish nation's culture, communities, offices, synagogues and other houses of prayer, water ways, schools and museums.

Psalm 102:12 - 16 *“But You, O Lord, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations. You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come. For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, And all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.”*

Zechariah 12:2 - 3 *“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”*

Ezekiel 36:7 - 11 *“Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame. But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come. For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.”*

Other Verses: Other verses: Genesis 23:17-22; Proverbs 22:28; Isaiah 35; Psalm 46; Psalm 48”1-8; Prov. 22:28; Zech. 8:3; Zech. 12:9

A PRAYER for JERUSALEM

Our Father in heaven, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in obedience to Your Word, I pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Land of Israel. Bless the people of Israel with Your promise of redemption, shield them with Your love, and bring them renewed hope for their day of salvation. Guide Israel's leaders and advisors with the light of Your truth. For Your Name's sake, I ask that You remember Your promise and bless the Land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy!

SCRIPTURES for JERUSALEM

Psalm 122:6 - 8

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces. For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, Peace be within you.

Isaiah 40:1 - 2

Comfort, yes, comfort My people! Says you God. Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 62:1

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns.

Isaiah 62:6 - 7

I have set watchmen on you walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Amos 9:11, 14 -15

On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them, says the LORD your God.

Romans 11:1 - 2 a, b

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.

Zechariah 8:2 - 3

Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; with great fervor I am zealous for her. Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy Mountain.

