



# THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

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## IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

### WHAT IS IT?

- The international Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem, instituted with the endorsement of OVER 1,500 Christian leaders from all different denominations and cultures of the world, is held annually on the first Sunday of every October.
- Our call is for sustained, fervent, informed global intercession for the plans and purposes of God for Jerusalem and all her people.
- This global grassroots prayer initiative coincides with the season of Yom Kippur, and for the first time in Church history, makes an effort at linking the Christian liturgical calendar with the Biblical, Jewish calendar.
- This Global Prayer Initiative is Co-Chaired by Dr. Jack Hayford (Chancellor of The King's University), Rev. Robert Stearns (Founder and Executive Director of Eagles' Wings Ministries) and Dr. Paul Cedar (Chair and CEO of Mission America Coalition).

### WHEN IS IT?

- The Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem is observed the first Sunday of every October, near the season of Yom Kippur.

### WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS?

- Tens of millions of Christians, from all different cultures, denominations, and generations, from cathedrals in cosmopolitan cities to tribal grass hut churches in Africa and even underground churches in Muslim nations all pray for Jerusalem, Israel and the entire Middle East.
- Each year the number of participating nations has grown. Currently there are at least 175 different nations participating annually – including underground churches in China and 7 Muslim nations – and by God's grace we are trusting for even more to take part in the future.



## HOW IS THIS SPECIAL DAY OBSERVED?

- Primarily, praying for the peace of Jerusalem should take place in the local church fellowship as part of their worship service on the first Sunday of October. Participation in the day for a local fellowship can be as simple as including the DPPJ Flyer with their program, and/or incorporating a sermon and some prayer devoted to this issue on DPPJ Sunday, or it can be as involved and time consuming as an individual church desires it to be. The important point is that all types of Bible believing churches, from all different worship traditions from all across the world, join with Christians worldwide to pray for the peace of Jerusalem at whatever level of understanding they have about this strategic need.
- Some cities, states, or nations also have regional gatherings – in addition to the local church worship service – to express unity in prayer for Jerusalem and her people.
- There is a special Day of Prayer gathering in Jerusalem itself with worldwide church leaders and Israeli dignitaries that is broadcast live on GODTV to almost 200 nations that day.
- There is also a 24 hour Prayer Conference Call, hosted by Greater Calling Ministries ([www.greatercalling.org](http://www.greatercalling.org)) where people from all over the world, in every time zone, can conference call into a “Virtual Prayer Room” and pray together for the many needs of this strategic region and its people groups.

## HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Please our website, [www.daytopray.com](http://www.daytopray.com), for more information. You can also call the Eagles’ Wings office at 716-759-1058 or 1-800-51 WINGS.
- Resources available at [daytopray.com](http://daytopray.com) include:
  - Downloadable, free DPPJ materials in many different languages include flyers, posters, frequently asked questions, prayer cards, and much more.
  - Downloadable Children’s Programs in English for ages 3—5, for ages 6—12 and for teens from 13—18. These include lessons, craft activities, and coloring pages.
  - PSAs (Public Service Announcements) in audio and video format.
  - Press Releases.
  - A list of the endorsing world-wide leaders.
  - Listing of state, national and international DPPJ Coordinators mobilizing for this prayer movement plus a link to contact them for any questions.
  - Additional printed resources that can be ordered to equip your church or Bible study group for training or to enhance your own DPPJ observation.
  - Photos and descriptions of previous years’ observances.
  - History of the Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.



## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- You can contact your national, regional, state or city coordinator through our DPPJ Coordinator webpage where you can email them directly through the link by their name.
- If your nation, region, or state does not have a DPPJ Coordinator, you can contact us through the website, [www.daytopray.com](http://www.daytopray.com) and click on “connect” and “become a coordinator” or by calling our office at 1-800-51 WINGS.

## DOES PRAYING FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM MEAN I AM AGAINST THE ARABS AND PALESTINIANS?

- God is not a respecter of persons. He loves everyone the same. He has a redemptive plan for the descendants of Isaac and the descendants of Ishmael.
- When we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we pray for ALL the people who dwell there.
- Our heart is to see God’s word fulfilled. We want to see the wall of separation between Jew and Arab (Gentile) broken (Eph. 2:14), to see unity, love and appreciation for one another restored, and for God’s full Shalom and blessing to rest upon the land and its people.

## WHY SHOULD I PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM?

- Genesis 12:3—The Lord says in the covenant He made with Abraham: *“I will bless those who bless you and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the world shall be blessed.”* History clearly reveals that those nations and leaders who blessed Israel and the Jewish people were blessed in return by God, and those who cursed the Jewish people and His Holy land, were themselves the object of God’s wrath. God inspired the writers of Scripture to make a timeless change to all who follow Him to *“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you.”* (Psalm 122:6)
- Jerusalem, and the nation of Israel, is the only democracy with freedom of religion and rights for all people and genders in a sea of 22 Arab non-democratic nations. Israel and America are defending the same values and freedoms against the same common enemy – radical Islam.
- We owe the Jewish people an enormous debt of gratitude for the foundation of our Christian faith and their enormous contributions to the advancement of society through medical, agricultural and technological advancements.
- It is the Church’s responsibility to stand with all people of the covenant for the restoration of Israel and God’s purposes in that land. It is the Christian’s responsibility to fulfill God’s prophetic words to the Jews in their generation.
- The history of the Church reveals much persecution against the Jewish people—things done in the name of Christ but not the character of Christ. We have the responsibility in our day to make right what our Christian ancestors did wrong, by actively praying for God’s blessing upon this land and her people.