

# PRAYER POINTS

## **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. God promises that “Israel will bud and blossom and fill the world with fruit.” (Isaiah 27:6)*

*We praise God for the many Israeli innovations that bring “restoration” to people and places, like: “ReWalk”, an Israeli-developed “exoskeleton” device that enables paraplegics to stand, walk and climb stairs (FDA approved 2014); and “Tipa”, literally “Drop,” an Israeli-developed kit based on its slow drip irrigation that has allowed 700 farming families in Senegal to reap crops three times a year instead of just once, even on infertile land. Israel has pioneered the invention and development of countless medical, agricultural and environmental devices and practices that bring beauty out of ashes and life out of things that seemed dead.*

**Jeremiah 30:17** - *“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,” declares the Lord, “...because you are called an outcast Zion for whom no one cares.”*

**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.”*

**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**

**God’s Mandate for us to Pray for Israel:**

*Even though the Jewish people and the nation of Israel desperately desired peace, peace has historically eluded this tiny nation and this particular people. Have you ever wondered if this would be the case had the Church been fulfilling her Biblical mandate and praying for Israel’s peace and protection? It is not too late to begin now.*

*Pray for current houses of prayer to have an increased heart for Israel and God’s purposes for the Land and its inhabitants. Pray also that God will raise up, increase, and embolden Christian “Watchmen” in each nation, especially in light of increased global Anti-Semitism from Operation Protective Shield. 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). We need informed strategic intercession for a “time such as this” as well as spiritual covering for any impinging spiritual retaliation from the enemy for praying for Israel. Prayer leaders and houses of prayer also need to be equipped with prayer coverage, leadership training, and resources to succeed. May God strengthen His perfect unity among the houses of prayer and in their intercession to bring forth unity between Jews, Arabs, and other ethnicities as described in the Bible as “One new man.” (Ephesians 2:15)*

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, and Christians United for Israel. If ever people needed to be educated about Israel with facts and truth, today is the time!

**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**

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Jordan's Prime Minister said that the relationship between his country and Israel is "at an all-time low". Meanwhile, terrorist group ISIS comes closer by invading northern Lebanon, and Iran continues to pursue nuclear weapons to fulfill its long standing threat "to wipe Israel off the map."

Israel also needs the Lord's protection from those who would seek to provoke confrontation on the sea by "Humanitarian ships" attempting to break the embargo against Hamas. The Palestinian Scholars Association in Diaspora held a press release at the headquarters of the terror-linked Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH) on July 21, 2014. It is best known for its role in the violent 2010 Mavi Marmara incident, when IHH sent a ship to break the Israeli weapons blockade on Gaza. Posted on their website from the IHH President Bulent Yildirim's speech was the fact that they are working on a project to **re-send the ship - Mavi Marmara – to Gaza**. "If this war does not end, we will gather everyone to the harbor and go again." To date, efforts of this kind to break Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip and to paint Israel as a violator of Human Rights, have not been as successful as intended. Nevertheless, a trend has begun by ill-informed activists and anti-Israel forces that could result in future violence and further demonizing of Israel.

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. Let Israel also 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, 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, 13**

#### **4. Pray Against 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 beliefs. There are only 13.9 million Jewish people worldwide, but according to <http://muslimpopulation.com/World/> there are 2.8 billion Muslims who are being taught by many of their religious leaders that Jewish people, Israel ("Little Satan"), Christians, America ("Great Satan"), the West, and those not willing to convert or submit to fundamentalist Islam, are all infidels and must be destroyed. Even if only 10% of all Muslims believe this hateful lie (as some Muslim apologists claim), that is 2 million people whose numbers are growing each year at a birth rate 3 - 5 times higher than that of Americans, Europeans, Australians and Canadians. Islamic terrorist groups like Boko Haram have attracted international condemnation for their massacres of complete villages in Nigeria as

well as for the abductions of more than 200 Nigerian schoolgirls who have been held in captivity to date. As of mid-July 2014 - for the first time in the history of Iraq - there are no longer churches in Mosul because the violent terrorist group ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) gave the city's Christians a stark choice: convert to Islam, pay a religious tax, or face death.

As of July 2012, the world suffered 19,200 Islamic terror attacks since 9/11 which are no longer limited to terrorist groups, but are now carried out by Islamized individuals like the May 2013 Woolwich machete attack in London and the Boston Marathon bombing April 15, 2013.

Ideological warfare is also pervasive in the form of "revisionist history" and in indoctrination techniques which can lull people to complacency and inaction. 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."*

**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, 3; Psalm 5:9 - 10; Psalm 55:9 - 11, 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. There need to be prayers of reconciliation between the Christian and Jewish people, as well as prayers of reconciliation between the offspring of Ishmael and Isaac. (Ephesians 2:15) 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.*

### **The Roots of Our Faith – Reconciliation between Christians and Jews**

**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 - Grafted In** - *"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, 11, 18; Galatians 3:29**

### **Reconciliation with the Arabs**

**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 healing and reconciliation for Ethiopian Jews and other people groups – like Sudanese refugees in the Land.

**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; **2** To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, **3** 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 – Terrorism and Rocket Trauma**

*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 for those in Israel who have tremendous pain from the past, by the power of prayer in the Name of Jesus.*

*The need for healing is not limited to the carnage of suicide bombings in the past, but is also needed because since 2001, there have been over 15,200 rockets and mortars from Gaza, or an average of over 3 rocket attacks every single day targeting Israel. In the beginning, the attacks were primarily limited to the Southern towns of Israel; during Operation Protective Shield in 2014, rocket attacks reached Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa giving over 75% of the Israeli civilians a minute or less to get to a bomb shelter. These attacks have killed and injured Israelis despite the effectiveness of The Iron Dome which counterattacks most rockets, but their main effect is their creation of widespread psychological trauma and disruption of daily life among the Israeli populace. Medical studies since 2001 in Sderot, the Israeli city closest to the Gaza Strip, have documented a post-traumatic stress disorder incidence among young children of between 75% - 90%, as well as high rates of depression and miscarriage.*

*Pray that the joy of the Lord would be the strength of Israel. (Nehemiah 8:10) 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, 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**

*Many Christian Arabs in Israel have had a salvation experience with Jesus Christ but not a Biblical revelation of God’s Covenant with the Jewish people and His plan for “the One New Man.” (Ephesians 2:15) As a result, many Christian Arabs have embraced “Replacement Theology,” believing God is finished with the Jewish people. Many Christian Arabs - by their own admission - hold on to animosities and hurts while still proclaiming Christ as Savior. Since the worldwide Church seems unaware or uninterested in the severe physical needs of Arab Christians who are rejected on all sides – by default, Hamas has stepped in and has reinforced anti-Jewish, anti-Semitic attitudes and actions by providing for the overwhelming needs of these believers.*

*The Church also needs to be praying for these brothers and sisters in Christ because there is severe persecution of Christian Arabs by Muslim Arabs in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority, Hamas, and those cities where there has been a Christian exodus due to Muslim persecution. These areas not only include the West Bank and Gaza Strip, but also the birthplace and the boyhood town of Jesus – Bethlehem and Nazareth. (According to the current reports, fifty years ago Bethlehem was once 80% Christian, where as now Arab believers are less than 15% and dwindling.) Since the beginning of the Arab Spring, an estimated one-third to one-half of the Christian population of Iraq has been displaced from cities and towns where they have lived for centuries; many of these are now resident in Israel. In Egypt, 100,000 Coptic Christians have already left since the so-called Arab Spring began. “Terrorist attacks on Christians in Africa, the Middle East and Asia increased 309% from 2003 to 2010.”*

*We especially need to pray protection over those Israeli Arab Believers - living in PA 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.*

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

## **8. Pray Against Terror in the Land**

*Israel lives with the equivalent threat of September 11<sup>th</sup> every day, most notably known by the constant barrage of katushka rockets on Sderot and surrounding communities, as well as attacks upon citizens near her borders. The toll of continuous terror is not only just a physical one, but also an emotional and psychological one that affects young and old alike, particularly children. Everyone has been touched by the reality of terror, and each one needs to find the place of rest and safety in The Lord. Although the number of suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv has been reduced 90% in recent years by the use of Check Points and the Security Wall, over 15,200 rockets and mortars were fired from Gaza on Israeli civilians from 2001, which averages to 3 rockets every single day. To stop the incessant attacks on its civilians, Israel has had to engage in three military campaigns in five years: Operation Cast Lead (2008/2009), Operation Pillar of Defense (2012), and Operation Protective Shield (2014). Terror from the last conflict was compounded by the fact that Hamas dug a labyrinth of fortified underground tunnels from Gaza opening into Israel near homes, schools, and civilian centers for the purpose of kidnapping and killing Israeli civilians. There are known to be more tunnels than the 32 the IDF destroyed or neutralized.*

**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.”*

**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, 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, 6 - 8; Psalm 142: 1, 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. Pray for fair and honest media coverage and for moral clarity for the media, particularly when covering Israel and the Middle East. Recent battles for fair and honest coverage in media include the Annenberg Space for Photography’s exhibit (March-June 2010) on “Water: Our Thirsty World”, which negatively portrayed Israel as a country that hoards and steals from its neighbors who suffer from drought while Israelis relax by overflowing pools and beautiful beaches. On the contrary, Israel is pioneer in the Middle East and in the world in water conservation and management. The Goldstone Report released in 2009 provided unduly harsh treatment of Israel in relation to war crimes and crimes against humanity during their December 27, 2008-January 18, 2009 conflict in Gaza Strip. Although Goldstone himself revoked much of the allegations against Israel in April 2011, the damage to Israel’s image has remained. The April 2012 CBS Sixty Minutes documentary on the plight and flight of Palestinian Christians was another example of inaccurate and biased journalism, leaving viewers with the belief that Israel was the problem. The fact that Christians are fleeing INTO Israel to avoid persecution refutes the CBS premise. More recently in August 2014, the Foreign Press Association blasted Hamas’s intimidation and harassment of foreign journalists in Gaza to cover-up and report only that which was favorable to Hamas.*

*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)*

**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.”*

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

## **10. Pray Against Anti-Semitism**

*Jewish anti-Semitism is growing at an alarming rate. This 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. 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. Anti-Semitism reached an all-time high during the recent Operation Protective Shield with violent rallies, fire bombs at synagogues, destruction of Jewish businesses, as well as serious physical attacks and death threats to Jewish people worldwide. The UK saw a 50 % rise in Hate Crimes against Jews in July 2014 alone, while in Paris, a Pro-Palestinian mob besieged and threw bricks at a synagogue with 200 congregants inside.*

*Though not yet military in nature, efforts to delegitimize and demonize Israel is a potentially deadly form of warfare against the Jewish state. The question as to whether Israel has “the right to exist” is being seriously debated by global government leaders and intellectuals on college campuses. One forum known for such evil is the United Nation’s Durban conferences on Racism. Conferences that took place in 2001, 2009, and most recently in New York City in September of 2011, have been filled with extreme anti-Semitism and Israel bashing, constituting a “theater of the absurd” with outrageous examples of racism against the Jewish nation alone. Complicating and compounding the danger to Israel, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas continues his pursuit to have the global community recognize a Palestinian state based on the 1949 armistice lines. Such an act undermines hopes for peace and establishes a dangerous international precedent since a peaceful resolution to the conflict must come through negotiations between the parties and not by a unilateral declaration from the international community. Whether the United States stands with Israel or joins with her opponents will be critical not only on a political level for Israel, but also on a spiritual and economic level for America.*

*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. In early*

2014, Arutz Sheva reported that boycotts have cost Israel's agriculture sector approximately \$30 million USD in the past year.

**Amos 9:15** - *"I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them, says the Lord your God."*

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

**Other verses: Psalm 10:8, 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**

*"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." ("For Zion's Sake I will not be Silent," by Rebecca Brimmer, page 101, Bridges for Peace.)*

**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, 21 - 23; Isaiah 46:13; Isaiah 62:1, 10 - 12; Jeremiah 31:31 - 34; Jeremiah 33:7 - 9; Jeremiah 50:20; Ezekiel 11:18 - 19; Joel 2:28 - 29, 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 Leaders - Wisdom, Integrity**

*The leaders in Israel today have a wonderful legacy from Biblical times; they would be wise to study and to draw from it. Abraham, Moses, Joshua and David were mighty men of God who led Israel to victory and blessing because they "inquired of the Lord," and they obeyed their God. 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 Prime Minister Netanyahu and for his administration as they seek to disarm Hamas while helping to rebuild Gaza and repair international public opinion from the Operation Protective Shield Campaign of 2014. Pray also that they would know how to handle Iran, Syria, Turkey, Egypt, and other countries with radical Islamic policies. The “Arab Spring” uprisings not only are toppling dictators, but also are allowing Radical Islamic groups like The Muslim Brotherhood to infiltrate the fragile new governments, potentially breaking established peace treaties and economic trade agreements with Israel. Between December 2010 and July 2011, there were revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt, a civil war in Libya, violent civil uprisings in Bahrain, Syria, and Yemen, major protests in Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, and Oman, as well as protests in Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Western Sahara. Israel’s leaders need much “Wisdom from Above” to safely navigate the unknown and ever changing waters of the future in the Middle East.

Pray also for Godly wisdom on their part as they interact with an increasingly unfriendly American administration. Pray that “the fear of the Lord” would be upon our President and elected leaders, as well as on those from other democracies in 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.

#### **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.”

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

### **13. Pray for Peace and Protection (Reprise of #3)**

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Today political anarchy exists in the nations surrounding Israel since the “Arab Spring” toppled many Arab dictators, only to have Islamist terror groups like The Muslim Brotherhood – committed to Israel’s destruction – hijack the government positions of power through violence and elections. New Islamic leaders, desirous of eventually establishing Sharia Law in their countries, are now severing trade and military operations with Israel, as well as questioning their existing peace treaties with Israel. (Example –Turkey and Egypt’s Peace Treaty of 1979.) As of March 2014, **Hezbollah** - the proxy arm of Iran – is reported to have about **65,000 rockets aimed at Israel’s northern border with Lebanon**. There continues to be attacks against all Israeli citizens from Hamas in Gaza. Following the kidnapping and murders of three Israeli teenagers in mid-June 2014 and a “revenge killing” of a Palestinian Teen, the IDF initiated **Operation Brother’s Keeper** in search of the three teenagers, and Hamas escalated its rocket attacks on Israel from Gaza reaching deeper into Israel than ever before. To defend her civilian population, Israel launched **Operation Protective Shield** on July 8<sup>th</sup>. From the start of this

campaign until mid-August, **over 3,500 rockets were fired at Israel from Gaza reaching as far north as Haifa, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem, endangering over 75% of Israel's Jewish, Arab, Christian, and Druze citizens.** At the time of this writing, negotiations have not yet produced a truce. Syria's civil war also continues to threaten Israel's northern border, while Jordan's Prime Minister said that the relationship between his country and Israel is "at an all-time low". Meanwhile, terrorist group ISIS comes closer by invading northern Lebanon, and Iran continues to pursue nuclear weapons to fulfill its long standing threat "to wipe Israel off the map."

Israel also needs the Lord's protection from those who would seek to provoke confrontation on the sea by "humanitarian ships" attempting to break the embargo against Hamas. The Palestinian Scholars Association in Diaspora held a press release at the headquarters of the terror-linked Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH) on July 21, 2014. It is best known for its role in the violent 2010 Mavi Marmara incident, when IHH sent a ship to break the Israeli weapons blockade on Gaza. Posted on their website from the IHH President Bulent Yildirim's speech was the fact that they are working on a project to **re-send the ship - Mavi Marmara – to Gaza.** "If this war does not end, we will gather everyone to the harbor and go again." To date, efforts of this kind to break Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip and to paint Israel as a violator of Human Rights have not been as successful as intended. Nevertheless, a trend has begun by ill-informed activists and anti-Israel forces that could result in future violence and further demonizing of Israel.

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. Let Israel also 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, 19** - "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, 13**

#### **14. Pray for Jerusalem Prayer Initiatives on College Campuses and Their Leaders**

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. For instance, Middle Eastern debates often lack representation of a pro-Israel voice, especially as an increasing number of Islamic scholars receive teaching appointments. In addition, college campuses reflect the growing job loss of pro-Israel professors and the growing harassment of Jewish and pro-Israel students. A steady stream of anti-Israel protests, rallies,

*demonstrations, petitions, books, and articles bombard the hearts, minds and spirits of those within academic communities and beyond. Some professors have even included a complete denial that the Holocaust ever took place in their course curriculum. 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 also for the edification of effective, strategic campus leaders and outreach; for Biblical wisdom for university leadership (especially in regards to the funding of Islamic Studies departments and chairs, as well as the BDS movement); and for protection, wisdom, and Biblical unity for students, universities and communities involved in pro-Israel initiatives. Pray for an increasing prayer network that would provide prayer coverage for pro-Israel students, leaders, professors and staff on campus.*

**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**

**15. Pray for the Children and Youth of the Land** (Note: "Youth" in Israel would include ages 18 - 35.)

*In Israel, children in the south who have been subjected to ongoing rocket fire from Gaza since 2001 also experience severe PTSD symptoms and long-term effects of exposure to rocket sirens, the need to scramble to bomb shelters, sometimes in the middle of the night, and, most recently, the threats posed by Hamas-dug tunnels between Israel and the Gaza Strip. In one southern city of Sderot alone, a recent study by NATAL, the Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War, estimates that between 75 and 94 percent of all children aged 4 to 18 demonstrate symptoms of PTSD. Similar results were found for Palestinian children in Gaza published in the Arab Journal of Psychiatry, which said: "Such traumatic experiences severely deteriorate children's sleep and cause uncontrollable fears among babies and children, causing anxiety, panic attacks, and poor concentration."*

*The youth in Israel are unlike the young people in any other country. They have experienced war and terror 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; they value relationships deeply. Many need the healing love and hope that only God can give in this uncertain hour. Israeli youth also need the assurance that those who share their democratic beliefs and Judeo-Christian values will not desert them, as did many Christian countries some 65 years ago.*

**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, 20; Joel 2:28a; 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 17**

#### **16. 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"... The Deliverer. 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.*

**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."*

**Other Verses: Jeremiah 23:5, Luke 2:32**

#### **17. Pray for Rain in the Land**

*Water is a vital lifeline in Israel. Israel again is in need of rain and more rainfall. We praise God that despite a very arid winter, rare storms in May 2014 dumped rain across Israel which caused the Sea of Galilee to rise some 2.5 centimeters (1 inch), the heaviest ever recorded for the month of May. The precipitation brought dry riverbeds to life, flooding low-lying areas, especially in the Judean Desert and Negev in the south of the country.*

The Kinneret (The Sea of Galilee)- Israel's major reservoir of fresh water – has been drying up! According to <http://www.savethekinneret.com/> many years of below-average rainfall have led the water level to dip to dangerously low levels. Although the water level has improved from the last few years where it dipped to the "black line," beyond which water cannot be pumped without causing severe damage to the entire water supply, it is now only 75cm above the lower red line.

Pray for more rain in the land and that God would continue to give Israel strategies on water conservation and stewardship.

**Psalms 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**

#### **18. Pray Against Anti-Semitism (Reprise of #10)**

Jewish anti-Semitism is growing at an alarming rate. This is evident not only in Muslim countries, but in Europe, Canada, Hispanic countries and on college campuses both here and abroad. Most statistics point to a level of anti-Semitism that is at the level 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. 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. Anti-Semitism reached an all-time high during the recent Operation Protective Shield with violent rallies, fire bombs at synagogues, destruction of Jewish businesses, as well as serious physical attacks and death threats to Jewish people worldwide. The UK saw a 50 % rise in Hate Crimes against Jews in July 2014 alone, while in Paris, a Pro-Palestinian mob besieged and threw bricks at a synagogue with 200 congregants inside.

Though not yet military in nature, efforts to delegitimize and demonize Israel is a potentially deadly form of warfare against the Jewish state. The question as to whether Israel has "the right to exist" is being seriously debated by global government leaders and intellectuals on college campuses. One forum known for such evil is the United Nation's Durban conferences on Racism. Conferences that took place in 2001, 2009, and most recently in New York City in September of 2011, have been filled with extreme anti-Semitism and Israel bashing, constituting a "theater of the absurd" with outrageous examples of racism against the Jewish nation alone. Complicating and compounding the danger to Israel, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas continues his pursuit to have the global community recognize a Palestinian state based on the 1949 armistice lines. Such an act undermines hopes for peace and establishes a

*dangerous international precedent since a peaceful resolution to the conflict must come through negotiations between the parties and not by a unilateral declaration from the international community. Whether the United States stands with Israel or joins with her opponents will be critical not only on a political level for Israel, but also on a spiritual and economic level for America.*

*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. In early 2014, Arutz Sheva reported that boycotts have cost Israel’s agriculture sector approximately \$30 million USD in the past year.*

**Amos 9:15** - *“I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them, says the Lord your God.”*

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

**Other verses: Psalm 10:8, 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**

#### **19. 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. [“I will gather all nations to Jerusalem to fight against it.”]*

**Jeremiah 29:14 - Released from Captivity** - *“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, 31:8 - 9; Ezekiel 39:26 - 28; Amos 9:13 - 15; Zechariah 8:7 - 8; Zechariah 10:8 - 9**

**20. Pray Against Radical Islam and Jihad Hamas, Hezbollah, ISIS, etc.  
(reprise of #4)**

*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 beliefs. There are only 13.9 million Jewish people worldwide, but according to <http://muslimpopulation.com/World/> there are 2.8 billion Muslims who are being taught by many of their religious leaders that Jewish people, Israel ("Little Satan"), Christians, America ("Great Satan"), the West, and those not willing to convert or submit to fundamentalist Islam, are all infidels and must be destroyed. Even if only 10% of all Muslims believe this hateful lie (as some Muslim apologists claim), that is 2 million people whose numbers are growing each year at a birth rate 3 - 5 times higher than that of Americans, Europeans, Australians and Canadians. Islamic terrorist groups like Boko Haram have attracted international condemnation for their massacres of complete villages in Nigeria as well as for the abductions of more than 200 Nigerian schoolgirls who have been held in captivity to date. As of mid-July 2014 - for the first time in the history of Iraq - there are no longer churches in Mosul because the violent terrorist group ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) gave the city's Christians a stark choice: convert to Islam, pay a religious tax, or face death.*

*As of July 2012, the world suffered 19,200 Islamic terror attacks since 9/11 which are no longer limited to terrorist groups, but are now carried out by Islamized individuals like the May 2013 Woolwich machete attack in London and the Boston Marathon bombing April 15, 2013.*

*Ideological warfare is also pervasive in the form of "revisionist history" and in indoctrination techniques which can lull people to complacency and inaction. 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."*

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

**21. Pray for a Strong Alliance between America and Israel**

*Scripture teaches us that God blesses those who bless Israel (Genesis 12:3) and prospers those who pray for her peace. (Psalm 122:6) 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. If America is not to be found among the nations judged by God because they opposed Israel, the Church must pray fervently. (Jeremiah 30:16, Joel 3:2 and Zechariah 12:9)*

**Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10, 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.”*

## **22. 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 the bombings. 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 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 those in need.*

**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 - 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**

### **23. Pray for Fair and Honest Media Coverage (Reprise #9)**

*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. Pray for fair and honest media coverage and for moral clarity for the media, particularly when covering Israel and the Middle East. Recent battles for fair and honest coverage in media include the Annenberg Space for Photography's exhibit (March-June 2010) on "Water: Our Thirsty World", which negatively portrayed Israel as a country that hoards and steals from its neighbors who suffer from drought while Israelis relax by overflowing pools and beautiful beaches. On the contrary, Israel is pioneer in the Middle East and in the world in water conservation and management. The Goldstone Report released in 2009 provided unduly harsh treatment of Israel in relation to war crimes and crimes against humanity during their December 27, 2008-January 18, 2009 conflict in Gaza Strip. Although Goldstone himself revoked much of the allegations against Israel in April 2011, the damage to Israel's image has remained. The April 2012 CBS Sixty Minutes documentary on the plight and flight of Palestinian Christians was another example of inaccurate and biased journalism, leaving viewers with the belief that Israel was the problem. The fact that Christians are fleeing INTO Israel to avoid persecution refutes the CBS premise. More recently in August 2014, the Foreign Press Association blasted Hamas's intimidation and harassment of foreign journalists in Gaza to cover-up and report only that which was favorable to Hamas.*

*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)*

**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."*

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

### **24. Pray that God Would Raise Up Christian "Watchmen" to Pray for His Peace and His Purposes to Manifest in this Spiritually Strategic Land (Reprise of #2)**

**God's Mandate for us to Pray for Israel:**

*Even though the Jewish people and the nation of Israel desperately desired peace, peace has historically eluded this tiny nation and this particular people. Have you ever wondered if this would be the case had the Church been fulfilling her Biblical mandate and praying for Israel's peace and protection? It is not too late to begin now.*

*Pray for current houses of prayer to have an increased heart for Israel and God's purposes for the Land and its inhabitants. Pray also that God will raise up, increase, and embolden Christian "Watchmen" in each nation, especially in light of increased global Anti-Semitism from Operation Protective Shield. 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). We need informed, strategic intercession for a "time such as this" as well as spiritual covering for any impinging spiritual retaliation from the enemy for praying for Israel. Prayer leaders and houses of prayer also need to be equipped with*

*prayer coverage, leadership training, and resources to succeed. May God strengthen His perfect unity among the houses of prayer and in their intercession to bring forth unity between Jews, Arabs, and other ethnicities as described in the Bible as "One new man." (Ephesians 2:15)*

*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, and Christians United for Israel. If ever people needed to be educated about Israel with facts and truth, today is the time!*

**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 2:1**

## **PRAYERS 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!

### **[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.

### [Deuteronomy 10:14 -15](#)

Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it. The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.

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