

Suggested prayer of thanksgiving, confession and supplication:

Thank you, O Lord our Father, for calling Britain to be a ‘shepherd nation’ to stand beside and help your ancient people in the restoration of their nation in fulfilment of the promises of God. Thank you for every way in which we have been blessed in the past through reaching out to bless your people, according to your promise. (*Genesis 12:3*)

O Lord, we confess that our government and nation sinned and forsook that calling in the days of the British Mandate in Palestine. Our fathers were guilty of breaking their commitment as expressed in the Balfour Declaration, through official government policy and through anti-Semitic bias, in the military and elsewhere. As a result of this, many thousands of Jewish lives were lost and foundations laid for many continuing problems in Israel today. We also recognize the evil harvest our own nation has reaped as we see the dreadful spiritual, moral and social decline in our land since that time.

Father, you are the mighty and sovereign God who rules over nations, and still has a heart of love for us and our nation, and a desire to use us to be a blessing. Please forgive us this sin against the Jewish people. Forgive us for disregarding your Word. Forgive us for the ongoing sins of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias we see in our church and nation today. For your Name’s sake, bring cleansing, healing and renewed strength, that we may again honour your Word, be a godly example to others, and bring glory to your Name and comfort to your people Israel.

In the name of Jesus, our Messiah and Lord. Amen.

“O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?” (2 Chronicles 20:6)



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A CALL TO PRAYER

‘If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.’

2 Chronicles 7:14

INTRODUCTION

The powerful facts that are presented in this film could overwhelm us, and we need to remember that it is God's mercy that has brought them to light, so that repentance and forgiveness can follow and blessings flow again for our nation. The best possible response we can make is in prayer, whether it be individual or corporate.

Daniel chapter 9 gives us a wonderful scriptural example of identificational repentance; when Daniel comes before the Lord on behalf of his people, proclaiming God's Word and His character, confessing the sins of his fathers, and beseeching the Lord to act in mercy and forgiveness to cleanse and restore.

To help you respond appropriately and be a part of the answer to our nation's desperate state of moral and spiritual decay today, this leaflet offers some prayer guidelines based mainly on Daniel's prayer of intercession. You will also find a suggested prayer of thanksgiving, confession and supplication which can be used for public or private prayer.

"O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; For we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies." (Daniel 9:18)

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER

Thank God for calling our nation to be the 'shepherd nation' to help fulfil the Biblical promise to restore Israel, and for the past blessings that came as a result. *"I will bless those who bless you..."* (Genesis 12:3). Praise Him too that He entrusted His Holy City, Jerusalem, into British hands during the period of the Mandate and give thanks for the many British men and women who were privileged to love and help His chosen people during recent centuries.

Earnestly seek His forgiveness for the failings of the British government and the military hierarchy to keep their commitment and fulfil their obligations to facilitate a homeland for the Jewish people during the Mandate period. *"O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him."* (Daniel 9:8,9)

Beseech the Lord for mercy on Britain, which the world still considers a 'Christian' nation. Confess before the Lord the sin of betrayal towards His

chosen people, and the many other sins that have become rampant since, and call on Him to act for His name's sake. *"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."* (Daniel 9:19)

Cry out for a deep spirit of repentance to fall in our nation, beginning with the household of God, both for our failures towards God's people, and for our turning away from the standards of the Word of God. Pray for a revival of God's Word within the church and the nation. *"As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this evil has come on us. Yet we did not make our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand Your truth."* (Daniel 9:13)

Intercede for our Parliament and leaders to act justly and wisely and in line with God's Word in their dealings with Israel, so that they may not hinder God's purposes, but rather open the way for blessing for our nation. *"For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined."* (Isaiah 60:12)

Stand against the spirit of anti-Semitism as it continually seeks to gain strength in Britain today. Pray that anti-Semitism will be exposed wherever it exists, and that God's Spirit will bring conviction and changed heart attitudes towards Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Pray for truth to prevail over lies and deception. *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,"* (2 Corinthians 10:4,5)

Intercede concerning the widespread false teaching that the church has replaced Israel in God's purposes, which has brought spiritual weakness and error to the church. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give true understanding of Scripture and to pour God's own love for His people Israel into Christian hearts. *"...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us."* (Romans 5:5)

Ask God in His grace and mercy greatly to use "The Forsaken Promise" film to be a turning-point for the church, a means of healing and comfort to the Jewish people and thus a blessing to our nation. *"And now, O our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his holy desires, and cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake."* (Daniel 9:17)