

PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE CHURCH WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL

“Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers.”

~ J. Sidlow Baxter

- Thank God for His amazing love for His Church, and ask Him to give you His heart for the church as well as for His people Israel, so you can pray with His love. ***“...Messiah loved the church and gave himself for it” (Ephesians 5:5)***
- Pray that your church may be blessed in blessing Israel, according to God’s promise. ***“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:3)***
- Pray for the Lord to open eyes to the amazing mystery of His plan for Jews and Gentiles in His Kingdom. ***“I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.” (Romans 11:11)***
- Pray that Paul’s teaching about Israel may be understood and properly taught and that the error of ‘replacement theology’ would be exposed and refuted wherever it occurs. ***“Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!” (Romans 11:12)***
- Pray for a passion for truth in the church, including where Israel is concerned, and a willingness to learn the facts without bias. ***“Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding.” (Proverbs 23:23)***
- Pray that your pastor and other church leaders will not be afraid of tackling controversial issues, but will handle them with insight, on the basis of Scripture. ***“You have given a banner to those who fear You, that it may be displayed because of the truth.” (Psalm 60:4)***
- Pray for a change of heart in those who have set their hearts and minds against the subject of Israel and the Jewish people, for whatever reason. ***“Hear the word of the LORD, O you nations... He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd does his flock.” (Jeremiah 31:10)***
- Pray for wisdom, sensitivity and balance for those seeking to share the message of God’s love for Israel, and our Hebraic roots, in their churches. May their lives commend their message. ***“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...” (James 1:5)***
- Pray that issues of justice and righteousness in the Middle East will be rightly considered, without bias or propaganda but according to the Scriptures. ***“For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; ...Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path.” (Proverbs 2:6,9)***
- Pray against the infiltration of anti-Semitic propaganda into the church and for the destruction of all spiritual roots of anti-Semitism. ***“Let slanderers not be established in the land...” (Psalm 140:11)***
- Pray that biblical thinking may overcome humanistic thinking within your church. ***“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.” (Isaiah 55:8)***