

PRAYING FOR ISRAEL TODAY

For Zion's sake, I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will give him no rest, until her righteousness goes forth like the noonday, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. (Isaiah 62:1)

Pray for truth

There is so much deception and propaganda surrounding the whole topic of Israel. God is concerned for truth and so should we be. *Pray* that the truth will be revealed and that lies and deception will be cast down, wherever they are found.

Pray for salvation

This is the greatest need for Jew and Arab alike. God uses difficulties and suffering to turn men's hearts to himself. *Pray* that men, women and children will have a hunger to know the true God and his Messiah.

Pray for God's revealed purposes

The Lord has clearly outlined his purpose for Israel in his word. Israel and the Jewish people are to be a testimony to his existence, his character and his faithfulness. They prove that his word is true. *Pray* that he will bless and use Israel for his glory – not for their sake, but for the sake of his Holy Name (Ezekiel 36:22).

Pray for those in authority

Israel's leaders face a spiritual battle as well as a physical one, and need our help. *Pray* for the leaders in every sphere of life to be guided by God and to govern according to the principles of his word. *Pray* too for righteous leaders to be raised up for the Palestinian people, caring leaders who will work for their welfare.

Pray for the believers in Jesus

Praise God, indigenous congregations are growing and thriving in the Holy Land. *Pray* that both Israeli and Palestinian believers, as well as Gentiles serving God in Israel, will be

a true testimony of the love of God and the power of the gospel. May they be enabled to love their enemies, and have a prophetic voice amongst their peoples, and be united as the One New Man in Messiah Jesus.

Pray for protection

Pray for protection for Israel from all the attempts by the enemy to destroy the plan of God by destroying his people. *Pray* that God's plan for peace in the Middle East will prevail over all the plans of men.

Pray for reconciliation

The ongoing conflict has done terrible damage to relationships between Jews and Arabs, especially amongst the younger generation. *Pray* that ordinary Jewish and Arab people, whether living in Israel proper or the Territories, will have a desire for reconciliation and to live side by side in peace and harmony. *Pray* for those groups and ministries seeking to break down barriers, especially among the youth.

Praise and proclaim God's promises

Thank God for his faithfulness to the Jewish people and his everlasting love both for them and for their Arab cousins. *Praise* him that he will prevail over every principality, power, and false religion that seeks to usurp him and destroy the truth of his word!

Pray for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done

On earth, in the Middle East, according to the heavenly blueprint!

*As for me, the LORD forbid that I should sin against him by no longer praying for you.
(1 Samuel 12:23)*

*I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people,
those of my own race, the people of Israel. (Romans 9:3-4)*

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