



# Prayer Resources

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## How To Pray For The Nation Of Israel

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Psalm 122:6*

As we live through these amazing days in the history of the nation of Israel, we cannot be ignorant of their significance in the history of God's plan for the ages. Jesus taught that the focus for discernment in the end days should be the nation of Israel. The current outbreak of unrest began at the celebration of the Jewish holiday that many Bible scholars associate with the anticipated rapture of Christian believers. The outbreak of unrest also began at the precise end of the Biblically significant seven year contract for peace and security! How these details fit together, we do not know. Whether these events are mere cyclical fulfillment of prophecy or the ultimate fulfillment, we do not know. But we are certain that the Christian believer has a distinct responsibility in the midst of these days: to pray for the peace of Jerusalem! The Scriptures give excellent guidelines for our prayers.

### **Pray for personal and national understanding of God's promised land to Israel.**

*But the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither He had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. Jeremiah 16:15,16*

The land of Palestine has been promised by the Lord to the people of Israel. Over 300 times God repeats the Abrahamic Covenant without any hint of revoking it through disobedience (Genesis 12:1-3). God's promise includes some 300,000 square miles of land (Genesis 15:18; Ezekiel 47:13-21). Even at its zenith of glory under David and Solomon, Israel never exceeded over 20,000 square miles of land possession. Repeatedly God foretells of a regathering of Israel following its captivity in Babylon and its dispersion by the Romans (Jeremiah 32:37; Jeremiah 23:3; Isaiah 27:12). In May of 1948, the United Nations proclaimed that Israel had rights to the land and, since then, Jews from all over the world have been returning. The early settlers came by way of the sea (aided by fishers). Today new settlers are still coming from all over the world by air (aided by hunters)!

Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to Israel! Pray that Christian believers will not be swayed by man's logic or emotions to deny the promised land. Pray for provisions for the Jews throughout the world who are still trying to return to the promised land. Ask the Lord if He desires you to be one of the "hunters" to aid them by contributing to the Jewish ministry "On Wings Of Eagles."

**Pray that the Church will never again be a participant of Israel's persecution through action or indifference.**

*And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee... Genesis 12:3*

Over the generations of time, the nominal Christians of various eras and nations have unfortunately been at the forefront of expelling or exterminating the Jews. The experience of Moses before the burning bush graphically and prophetically tells the history of the people of Israel (Exodus 3:1-8). They have been burned with fires of persecution, but never consumed. World history has never seen anything like the preservation of the Jews. Israel was burned in the extermination camps of Nazi Germany, but was not consumed. God calls upon us to bless His Indestructible People with our prayers and our aid. As the Christian during World War II faced the question of whether to ignore or help the persecuted Jew, we face the same question today.

Praise God for His protection of the Jews throughout world history! Praise Him for the blessing that our nation has enjoyed because we have blessed Israel in the past! Praise God that He has limited the evil that nominal Christians have done to His Chosen People! Pray that our national leaders will be faithful to their commitments to Israel. Pray the Lord will remove all pockets of indifference toward Israel in your heart, and give you a love and burden for His Special People.

**Pray that the Church will be faithful to her responsibility to Israel.**

*They shall come with weeping, and with supplications (prayers) will I lead them . . . for I am a father to Israel. Jeremiah 21:9*

*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved. Romans 10:1*

Jeremiah 31 speaks of Israel being regathered, restored, and revived through the prayers of God's people. Our prayers for Israel are of great significance. Our neglect of these prayers is sin and frustrates God's purposes! We must marvel at the faith of our forefathers who prayed for Israel to be regathered to a land that did not even exist as they prayed! May their faith challenge us as we pray for the godless, secular Jews of Israel today to be revived to their faith and enlight-

ened to their need for salvation. May we be faithful to pray for those believing Jews who, though blinded to their Messiah, long for the peace that only He can bring to Israel. Believing Jews in Israel were prepared on Monday, October 16th, to move the cornerstone for the Third Temple that is currently stored at the American Consulate in East Jerusalem onto the Temple Mount to prepare for the coming of their Messiah. At the last minute, they were refused permission by the government.

Earlier this month we had the opportunity to pray with Jews at the Memphis Jewish Community Center. We had such oneness with them as they prayed from the same passages in the Old Testament from which we often pray. We recognized their blindness to how the Lord will answer their prayers, but we rejoiced to see their brokenness and contriteness before our Lord. It is through their prayers and our prayers that they will come with weeping to our Blessed Savior.

Praise God that He is a God of love even toward the unbelieving and blinded Jews! Praise Him for His provision of our salvation! Praise Him for the Jews who have embraced Jesus as their Messiah! Pray that the Lord will give you a burden for the salvation of the Jews that will not allow you to neglect prayer for them. Pray for the Jews of Israel who are prepared to every Scriptural detail for the rebuilding of the Temple that they will know patience and endurance. Pray for a great harvest of Jewish souls into the Church prior to the great delusion and suffering that we know is to come upon Israel.

**Pray for the peace and prosperity of Jerusalem.**

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good. Psalm 122:6-9*

More than likely the days ahead will etch this prayer into our very souls! Right now behind the battle for the city of Jerusalem is man's drive for control. Whether it be Jewish control, Muslim control, or, as we will increasingly see, nominal Christian control, the control is by man. However, there will eventually be a shift from man's control to Satan's control as the Antichrist is revealed. We should not pray for the peace

and prosperity of Jerusalem for the sake of any of these controlling factors. Our prayers should be for peace and prosperity because Jerusalem is the place for the house of the Lord our God! As our souls cry out for the day when He will maintain control of His Holy Hill and as we experience the wide range of emotions that these days evoke, may we be reminded of Jesus' direction for us as He described these days: *In your patience possess ye your souls (Luke 21:19)*.

Praise God that He will rule from His Holy Hill and that we will be a part of that Kingdom! Pray for patience for the believing Jews who have been used of the Lord to prepare for His Temple from which He will reign. Pray for yourself that you will through patience find control of your own emotions, understanding, and strength during these days and experience boldness in your prayers. Pray with Christian believers throughout the world "*even so, come Lord Jesus*"!