

Praying For Israel

Why Pray for Israel?

1. Israel is still the apple of God's eye and His inheritance, close to His heart. *(Ps. 148:14; Zech. 2:8; Deut. 32:8-11; Rom. 11:29; Ps. 33:11-12)*
2. God's faithful servants are moved to prayer and compassion over Israel's condition. *(Ps. 102:13-17)*
3. God commands us to give Him and ourselves no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. *(Isa. 62:1, 6-7)*
4. God wants to give us the desire, anguish and gift of travailing prayer for Israel's salvation. *(Rom. 9:2-3; 10:1, 14)*
5. God commands us to seek the spiritual and physical good of the Israeli people and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. *(Ps. 122:4, 6-9; Rom. 15:25-27; 1:16; 2:9-11)*
6. The Jewish people's acceptance of Messiah Jesus (Yeshua) will lead to life from the dead – world-wide revival of unprecedented magnitude. *(Rom. 11:15; Act 3:19-21)*
7. Yeshua linked His second coming to Israel's national turning to Him. *(Matt. 23:39)*

Some Prayer Guidelines

1. That God would raise up men and women who will carry His authority and speak His word to Israel, the Jewish people.
2. That God would grant to congregations within Israel and the Diaspora:
 - holiness and humility of heart
 - boldness and passion for the Son of God *(Eph. 6:18)*
 - divine conviction falling on the preached word *(John 16:8)*
 - unity among leadership *(John 17:21; Rom 15:7-8)*
 - strategic wisdom, prophetic unction, dreams and visions
 - provision (financial, legislative, property) – *(Rom. 15:25-27)*
 - the power of God in signs and wonders *(1 Cor. 1:22-24; 2:4-5; Rom. 15:17-19)*

3. That God would continue to establish peace and evangelism in Israel.
(*1 Tim. 2:1-4*)
4. That God would accomplish the spiritual return of the Jewish people to Messiah and the physical return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel. (*Isa. 49:5-6*)

Eight Models of Intercessory Prayer for Israel

1. Moses (*Ex. 32:11-13, 32; Deut. 9:18-19, 25-29; Num. 14:13-19*)
2. Solomon (*1 Ki. 8:46-53; cf. Deut. 30:1-10; 2 Chron. 20:5-12*)
3. Nehemiah (*Neh. 1:4-11*)
4. Asaph and the sons of Korah (*Ps. 74; 79; 80; 83; 44; 85; 123*)
5. Joel (*Joel 1:8, 13-14; 2:12-17*)
6. Isaiah (*Isa. 63:15 through 64:12; 58:1; 2:1, 6*)
7. Jeremiah (*Jer. 14:7-9, 17-22; 15:5; 9:1; Lam. 33:43-51; 5:19-22*)
8. Daniel (*Dan. 9:1-19*)