

Praying for Israel

5-Day Devotional



Praying for Israel: **PEACE AND PROTECTION**

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – 'May those who love you be at peace!'"
(Psalm 122:6)

We all long for peace – among nations, individuals, and in our own lives. God calls us to pray specifically for the peace of Jerusalem, the heart of Israel. With many seeking to harm Israel today, let us seek her protection. Pray for:

- Peace within Israel and in her relationships with regional and world nations
- Protection, discernment and wisdom for all those charged with protecting the nation's people and security
- True peace in individual hearts, which only comes through knowing the Prince of Peace, Yeshua (Jesus)



Praying for Israel: **LEADERSHIP**

"Therefore, first of all, I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made on behalf of all people – for kings and all who are in authority – so we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and respectfulness." (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

Scripture instructs us to pray for those in authority over us, that they may be good leaders and provide a flourishing environment of peace and productivity. Pray for Israel's leaders at all levels, that God will give them:

- Discernment and knowledge to care for the needs of Israeli society
- Leadership that produces stability for the nation
- Wisdom to lead with justice, integrity and truth



Praying for Israel: **AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM AROUND THE WORLD**

"My desire is to bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." (Genesis 12:3)

It's unfortunate to have to acknowledge, but anti-Semitism is on the rise. Incidents in the U.S. alone were 57% higher in 2017 than in 2016. The number includes the near doubling of events in schools and college campuses from one year to the next. Anti-Semitism is a dangerous prejudice that history has proven can lead to extreme and sweeping violence.

Pray for:

- Exposure and thwarting of anti-Semitic plans for violence or vandalism before they cause harm
- College students and professors to not be caught up by perceptions and worldviews that lead to anti-Semitism
- Awareness of subtle forms of anti-Semitism even among Christians and the Church

For more specific ways to thwart this threat, see **12 Ways to Pray against Anti-Semitism**.

Praying for Israel: **PEOPLE GROUPS**

“Comfort, comfort My people,’ says your God’ ”
(Isaiah 40:1)

Every society includes people sets united by a common thread. Here are a few in Israel you can lift to the Lord in prayer:

Holocaust survivors

The generation of Holocaust survivors is diminishing daily. A significant percentage of these elderly survivors live beneath the poverty line in Israel and struggle with loneliness. Pray that their needs will be met – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Pray that God will open their eyes to the Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) and they will receive Him in faith.

Immigrants

God said He would gather His people back to Israel. Jewish people from all over the world long to “make Aliyah” or immigrate to Israel. Many have moved from Ethiopia, India, Russia and elsewhere. But once there, life isn’t always easy. Language, education and skills barriers often present difficult challenges. Pray for Israel’s immigrant population to assimilate and thrive. Pray also that they would hear the Good News and come to trust in Yeshua.

Messianic Believers

Israel has hundreds of thousands of Messianic Jews who desire their Jewish brothers and sisters to come to faith in Jesus, the Jewish Messiah. Pray for these Believers, and that God will use them to reveal His love and the Good News to those around them.

Praying for Israel: **SALVATION**

"For I am not ashamed of the Good News, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who trusts – to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved!" (Acts 4:12)

The religious interest of Jewish people, whether in Israel or abroad, runs much like that of any other people. Some follow their faith devoutly, some marginally, and others espouse no spiritual beliefs. But the Bible is plain when it says that there is no other way to reach the Father but by Yeshua (Jesus). Jewish people do not have a separate path to salvation; it comes only through faith in the Messiah, Jesus. Pray for:

- A hunger and jealousy in Jewish hearts to know the God of their fathers
- Openness to seeing that many Messianic prophecies from the Old Covenant have been fulfilled by Yeshua
- The blindness to be lifted from Jewish eyes so that they will see Yeshua is the Messiah who was promised in their Holy Scriptures

