

Ten From The Nations Prayer Guide May 7 - 28, 2023

WHEN WILL THE PROPHECIES CONCERNING ISRAEL BECOME A REALITY?

Abraham was called to sacrifice Isaac — and when he raised the knife, righteousness was accounted to him. Moses spoke to God at the burning bush — and when Israel crossed the Red Sea, Pharaoh's power was broken. Joshua marched the children of Israel around Jericho — and when the people of Israel shouted, the walls crumbled.

Prophecy became reality when God's people acted on His promises and established His rule and reign on earth!

Today, after almost 2000 years, the Jewish people have returned to the Land of Israel and are eagerly awaiting the fulfillment of the rest of God's promises. The prophecies and promises that proclaim that Jerusalem will be a praise in all the earth and that the Nations will come and seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem.

For this reason, the Jewish people continue to fast, pray, and mourn on a day known as Tisha B'av (the 9th of AV), the day when God's House was laid waste. They are crying out, yearning for the Day when the prophecies spoken by Zechariah will also become a reality, that "The fasts of the 4th... 5th... 7th...and 10th months, shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts;" Zechariah 8:19

When and how does this prophecy become reality?

"...And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favor of the LORD. In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'" Zechariah 8:22-23





Repentance

When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood..." —Isaiah 1:15

As we take this time to remember history and consider what we can do in bringing about lasting change, we must begin with recognizing the harsh reality of how our Jewish brothers and sisters have viewed Christianity over the last two millennia. When Jewish people hear the phrase, "The Christians are coming," they think not of Corrie Ten-Boom or General Orde Wingate, for these were the few and far between. Rather, even to this day, the collective memory of the Jewish nation regarding Christianity rings of inquisitions, pogroms, crusades and ultimately the Holocaust. Truly, we have much blood on our hands; this was inherited from our Church forefathers by the many sins and atrocities committed against the Jews in the name of Christ. But before we can ever extend our hand in fellowship, service and support to the Jewish people, we must first repent for the blood on our hands and come before the LORD with a pure heart. As it says in Psalm 24, "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart..."

The keys which begin to unlock a new relationship with the Jewish people are humble repentance and desperate prayer. This 21-day countdown is for us to first repent of our history, next realize our true role and finally, reconcile in relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters. So, let us engage our hearts with the heart of the Father and begin that repentance journey today!

Prayer for Day 1

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the invitation to join You on this journey; one that begins with repentance. We acknowledge that it is a necessary journey. Necessary if we are to see the breakthroughs in our personal lives; necessary if we are to see the breakthroughs in the greater unfolding of Your plans on Earth in these last days; and necessary if we are to see Your people, both Jew and Christian, united in spirit. We ask that Your people would ultimately forgive us for our history of antisemitism, even as You forgive us. We also acknowledge that as we proceed along this journey of repentance, it will lead us to fellowship with You; which we desire to embrace with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength. We know that this journey of repentance will deepen our relationship with You; we know that we will be conformed into Your image in the process, and we know that we will be forever changed as a result. So, we open our hearts to allow You to do this work in us. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

*Our repentance is a humble acknowledgement of the past sins of our Christian forefathers and a current commitment to Bless, Support and Defend the Jewish People & Israel.



Recognize

"...Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear..." Isaiah 59:2

Today, many Churches and Christian denominations refuse to recognize our historical ties with antisemitism by distancing themselves from the past and saying that it had nothing to do with Christianity or that those who committed these evils were not real Christians. But, do we not realize that the sins of our Church forefathers have profaned the Name of God among the Jewish people and even the Nations? When we refuse to take action to restore God's Name, we are joining ourselves to the sins of our fathers and thus becoming silent accomplices to the atrocities committed in the name of Christianity. Our refusal to recognize the truth by excusing the sins of our fathers and burying them in the basement, testifies against us. This demonstrates that we are sons of those who persecuted and murdered the Jewish people. The truth is that anti-Semitism has deep roots within Christianity's false teachings of replacement theology and antisemitism; they pervade our religion. These are heresies going all the way back to our early church fathers, such as Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Ambrose, Augustine, John Chrysostom, Constantine and Martin Luther. Forgiveness, healing and a new beginning between the Jewish and Christian communities can only start when we, as Christians are willing to embrace our past, in order to change the future. Then, and only then, can the rebuilding of relationships begin.

Prayer for Day 2

Father, we recognize that we have truly been blind, self-absorbed, and full of our own self-righteous pride. Lord, would You now have mercy upon us? We are asking You to forgive us for the ignorance, arrogance, and disinterest within Christianity towards Your people. The sins of our Christian forefathers have been ignored for too long. Lord, would You open the sealed-up fountain of tears within us and allow those tears to flow? We weep with You, Father when we recognize and remember these things. May our tears begin to bring healing to hearts; our own, as well as those of the Jewish people. May those tears somehow heal the breach between Christians and Jews. Father, would You please remove the plank of pride from our eyes? And Lord...would You somehow use that plank to build a bridge so we can approach our Jewish brethren in humility, in love and in service? Recognizing our sin and then recognizing our Jewish brothers. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Regret

Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance... — Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God..." Matthew 3:8 NKJV/NLT

It must have hurt the heart of God, to see His own children—the people of the Church—fighting, persecuting and murdering each other during the Medieval era. Every man is created in the image of God and yet unsanctioned war, violence, and passion seem to run strong within the veins of humanity. Power-hungry, immoral, brutish savages have risen up in every generation. Unfortunately, some have even risen up within the Church. The sins of those who call themselves believers in the God of Israel, make a mockery of Him, when they walk in the ways of the world. We took Jesus, the one who saved us from our own selfish ways and turned him into a weapon against the very people from which he came. We turned the name of our Savior into a curse word for the Jewish people. We did not come to the knowledge of the God of Israel in order to curse or condemn any man, rather, we were saved so that we might show the world the power of God through a transformed life. This is what the Church missed during the Middle Ages, choosing to persecute the innocent Jew, rather than change themselves. In order to move forward, we must understand the blood that is on the Churches hands, ask for forgiveness, and live a life that is "worthy of repentance," demonstrating that the grace of God is enough for us as well. The history of the Church is full of mistakes and regrets; are we the generation that will change that narrative for the future?

Prayer for Day 3

O Lord, the innocent blood cries out to the Heavens—and yet, so few know about it; and if they know, they often shut their eyes. We beg Your forgiveness, and we also pray that Your Love will break through our hard and indifferent hearts. Please forgive us, we who so cruelly and perversely disfigured Your name, even while we longed to know You and to love YOU. Forgive us, for our churches and communities which did not walk or show that pathway to repentance. We should know that path better than anyone, since we say it is the path upon which we walk. Heal the deep wounds we have scarred into generations of Your people. Would You please bring to light what is in darkness and reveal Yourselfas the King of truth and justice? Please change our hearts and set us free into the beauty of Your kindness, humility and mercy. Lord, we look at Church history and have many regrets. Help us to take action today and live lives that have no regrets, because our hearts and passions are aligned with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Renounce

"How delightful on the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" Isaiah 52:7 NASB

During the 4th century, a man by the name of John Chrysostom arose from the ranks of the Christian Church to make a name for himself as a powerful communicator and orator of the word of God. He was given the name "Chrysostom" after his death, which is a Greek word and translates to "Golden-Mouthed." Perhaps he was a powerful orator, and perhaps he could speak smoothly and persuasively. However, his approach to the Jewish people was definitely not smooth and heartwarming. He called the Jews "dogs, wolves, wild beasts, pigs" and the like. There was a foul hatred of the Jewish people down to the very core of this man. Though this man within Christian History has many great quotes, he did not know the God of Israel, nor did he have a close walk with Jesus, the very one he called his Savior. The words he spoke, as well as every word each of us speaks, bears fruit, both good and bad. His words were evil seeds, which became rooted within Christian theology, in some respects, even to this day. Remember that evil roots, leads to evil shoots, which produce evil fruits. Luke 6 tells us that, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." The heart of the matter is, we as Christians don't just need to know our history; we also need to know the heart of God. We need to whack out, chop down, and tear apart the hidden and blatant bits of anti-Semitism found in the Church today and replace it with God's heart for the Jewish people and for the World at large! We must renounce the evil of the past and instead announce to the nation of Israel, "Your God Reigns!"

Prayer for Day 4

Father God, I repent of these evil words spoken against the Jewish people by my Church forefathers. Those hateful words took root in the soil and hearts of generations of Church believers and produced evil fruit. Father God, I repent and ask Your forgiveness for the spiritual pride and arrogance of our Church forefathers. Would You please take out the heart of stone, remove the spiritual pride and arrogance, and the sense of superiority in me? I repent. I ask for Your forgiveness. Take the pride in me out by the root. Please change my heart. Change my mind. Change my thoughts. Father God, would You please give me Your Heart for the Jewish people? Would You please allow me to be a humble servant to my fellow Jewish brothers and sisters? Please give me a deep love for the Jewish people. Please open a door for me to show and demonstrate that love in tangible and practical ways. Amen and amen.



Repulsed

"I will certainly doom you to bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you." Ezekiel 35:6 NASB

The pulpits have remained silent for far too long regarding the horrific plight of the nation of Israel and the importance of Israel within God's grand-master plan of redemption. The deafening silence from inside the Church, when a clear voice of condemnation was necessary, has been the message sent from the pulpit to the Jewish people. In Matthew 23, Jesus rebukes the leaders of his time, saying, "Woe to you... Because you... say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets." Doesn't this sound very similar to what the Church says today? Christians today claim they wouldn't have participated in the sins of their forefathers, yet they have changed very little to almost nothing when it comes to theology or beliefs. How can we expect a difference when no one is willing to change? We should be repulsed by the silence and inaction of our Church forefathers. The pulpits need to be filled with preachers of righteousness who teach the full message of the Kingdom of God! Only when we are repulsed and reject the persecutions of the past, can we hope for true and lasting change. Preachers need to rise up to the challenges of this modern age and say, just as Pastor John Muhlenberg did in 1776 while fighting for the freedom of America, "There's a... time to preach and a time to pray. But there is also a time to fight, and that time has now come!" To every Christian out there, now is the time to fight for what is right and bring in the lasting change this world so desperately needs.

Prayer for Day 5

Father, forgive us and have mercy upon us for we have willfully sinned against You and the Jewish people You chose to bear Your name. Please have mercy upon us, for we sat in silence as the Jews were persecuted, maligned, mistreated and murdered. Father, forgive us and have mercy on us for we collaborated with those who hated them and willingly turned them over for destruction. We raised our hands to strike and slaughter Your people without mercy. Father, forgive us and have mercy upon us for our hands are stained with the blood of your Saints, the children of Israel, whose only crime was that they were called by Your Name. Remove our arrogance and pride when we falsely proclaim that we were chosen above Israel. We are repulsed by these acts from history. Father, please allow us your humble servants to bring healing and hope, blessing and honor, joy and peace to your people Israel. May they know Your love through our repentance, service and sacrificial hearts. Amen.



Rhetoric

"There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Proverbs 12:18 ESV

For so many years the rhetoric of the Church ran along the lines of replacement theology and antisemitism. The words of some of our greatest Church forefathers against the Jewish people are deeprooted within the framework of modern Christian theology. The rebirth of the nation of Israel threw Christianity for a loop. The idea that God was not done with the nation of Israel, came as a shock and brought with it a choice for much of Christianity. That choice was and still remains, "Where will the Church stand in regards to the nation and people of Israel?" It is high time for the Church to step up, change its rhetoric and come into agreement with what we see God doing in the world today. The persuasive words of the Church forefathers concerning God's rejection of Israel, may have seemed true even up to one hundred years ago. However, since that time, the Church has had to wrestle with the fact that "the Chosen people, remain the chosen people." We were never meant to replace Israel, we were meant to support, come alongside and work together with Israel. The destructive rhetoric of the past must be destroyed as we, the Church and Israel, step into a new era of time. This will be an era where the Church recognizes its place and comes into alignment with the Biblical version of vision. A vision where Jew and Gentile walk together as a bright beacon of hope and truth, even unto the entire world!

Prayer for Day 6

O Lord, for so long our words, the words of the Church, have harmed your people, Israel. We pray, even as the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 141:3, "Set a guard, O LORD, over mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips." Remove the fallacies, malice, envy and hatred of your people from our hearts. We see now as the Prophet Jeremiah prophesied so long ago, "Surely our fathers inherited lies..." concerning Israel, Your people, the Apple of Your Eye. Please help us to change our rhetoric, the way we speak about Your people and Your land. We don't want to hold onto the lies of our fathers; yet we recognize how deeply entrenched we have become. We do thank You for the men of truth who stood in the churches throughout history, preaching Your unfailing covenants with Israel. But unfortunately, we recognize that they were far and few between. Help us to root out the words of hatred and replace them with Your love. Thank You for Your forgiveness, Your unfailing promises and that we live in a time where we can recognize this sin and come clean of it. Allow us to use our rhetoric to bring healing to a two-thousand-year-old wound; may we see new life spring up, not only in our own hearts, but also within the hearts of the Jewish people. Amen.



Reflect

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10 NKJV

After the past six days of repentance, it is important that we reflect and remember all that we have learned and thought about during this time. The first step of true repentance is to fully accept responsibility for our actions, or the actions of our forefathers. Once we have accepted the sins of our fathers, which weigh so heavily upon the Jewish people, only then can we begin bringing change to the future. We know that God is a forgiving God. So, when we take upon ourselves our own dead-weight history, we help the Jewish people lift that burden which they have had to carry alone for so long. We realize that we can never right history, nor can we bring back the innocent dead; there is no excuse we can make for the past. However, just because we cannot rectify the past, does not mean we can't look to changing the future! Yes, Jewish and Christian relations have been strained over the past two thousand years, but the only thing standing in the way of those relationships being healed today is us! Once we have repented of the past, the next step in having a relationship with the Jewish people is to understand our role. The upcoming week of prayer is all about how we can join in with what God is doing today, instead of finding ourselves once again at odds with God's plans and people. Let us humbly ask God to prepare our hearts to learn our place in this work of restoration that is happening in our time!

Prayer for Day 7

Heavenly Father, we have seen how the Church has played a part in the historical mistreatment of the Jews, and today, is in some ways still inciting the flames of antisemitism. But we also have the power and message of life; today we repent, and ask for forgiveness for the damage our Church forefathers' words and actions have wreaked. We pray that You would use the power of our words of confession to break the enduring curse they have had throughout history on Your people. As we repent, we ask that You would fill our mouths with words of healing and comfort. Redeem the words of the past by pouring out Your spirit in these days and by raising up legions of men and women who will speak words that overwhelm the destructive "eloquence" of the past. They will be replaced with new, life-giving words that are truly apples of gold in settings of silver. These words and actions will bless the Jewish people, the nation of Israel, and in so doing, also bless the nations of earth. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Reason

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18 NKJV

Now that we have repented for our horrific past, we can begin to recognize the true meaning of God's grace and forgiveness. Yeshua taught, while he was here on earth that, "...if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." If we want our gifts to be accepted by God, we must first be reconciled with our brothers, including our Jewish brothers (and sisters). Notice the words, "...if your brother has something against you..." Some Christians try to sidestep the sins of our Church forefathers; but just because we may feel that we have nothing against the Jewish people, they may still have something against us because of history. We should ensure that our relationships with others are in line; then we can come before the Lord, and as it says in Isaiah, reason together with Him. 1 John tells us, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God will take away our sins and unrighteousness, as we bring them into the light. He is the One who can make our scarlet bloodstained hands clean again, and with those "...clean hands and pure hearts..." we can then bless the Jewish nation.

Prayer for Day 8

Thank you, Lord, for the invitation we find in Isaiah to "...come and reason together..." with You. We recognize our need to come clean before You concerning the sins of the past, and we want to be reconciled to You and Your people. We know that You can and will give us clean hands and pure hearts (Psalm 24) that we might be a better witness to the world we live in, a world which needs You so much! We find ourselves so in need of Your grace and forgiveness. The power of a forgiven life is one that we desire to show to the world! For only when the sins and weights of the past have been lifted, can we then truly, freely serve You and Your nation in a way that is pleasing to You! Show us how to walk this new path; allow these old hindrances from antisemitism and replacement theology to fall by the wayside as we set out on forging a new relationship with our Jewish brothers and sisters, who are also Your people! In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Realization

"Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities...saying, 'Let us...seek the Lord of hosts'...Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and pray before the Lord." Zechariah 8:20-22 NKJV

Since we have now repented and recognized our horrific past with the Jewish people, we want to turn our focus back and accept the role we have as Christians; one which we have missed for so long. Some of our Jewish friends in Israel will tell us, "You are 2000 years too late..." We always tell them, "We may be late, but we are finally here!" After 2000 years, miraculously, Jews and Christians are able to work together for the glory of God and the building of His kingdom. Zechariah 8 tells us, "Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities...saying, 'Let us continue to go and pray before the Lord'...Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and pray before the Lord." Why aren't the strong nations coming to seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem? Because no one has told them that this is the place where God said to seek Him! We must tell the world where to seek God! The repentance and return of the nations to seek God in Jerusalem, will bring rejoicing and feasting to the land and people of Israel! As king Solomon prayed at the dedication ceremony of the 1st Temple, "Concerning the foreigner...when he comes and prays toward this Temple (in Jerusalem), hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You..." So, as we foreigners people from the nations— call out to God alongside our Jewish brothers and sisters with our faces towards the holy city of Jerusalem, may God hear our prayers and bring peace and joy to all of His children, soon and in our days!

Prayer for Day 9

Father in Heaven, as we walk this 21-day journey of repentance, realization and relationship, would You do the work within each of us that would be pleasing to You? Would You bring us into a place of preparation and prepare the way of the Lord in our days, by broadcasting to the nations the place where You said to seek you? Please make us a clarion voice on behalf of Your city and lead us in ways to pray that we may have never thought of before. Guide our hearts. Guide our steps. Lead us in the everlasting way and into the fullness of your peace. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem right now, and ask that we might be an agent of peace in Your plan for Jerusalem, Israel and the World. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Relief

"For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you...will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14 NKJV

These ancient words, spoken by a wise Jew who was seeking to prevent the genocide of the Israelite nation, still ring true in the world of today. When we as Christians see the attempted destruction of any people, we must stand up for righteousness and truth. The nation of Israel has been on the frontlines of attack and hatred. Although we needn't always agree with the actions and policies of the current nation of Israel, we should always support them in their quest to bring light and truth to a dying world. When Yeshua came to the earth, what was His main message? The consistent message he gave throughout his ministry were the words, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For those of us who call ourselves "Christians" this would mean that we have heard and heeded the words of our Master, to repent and become a part of the kingdom of God. So, when Mordecai's words "...who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this..." ring once again in our ears, we must realize that we have been welcomed by the King of heaven into a kingdom as well. We cannot remain silent when relief and deliverance are much needed throughout the world, especially for the people and nation of Israel! When we came into the kingdom of God, it meant that we didn't just receive forgiveness and salvation, it also meant that we had a great responsibility to speak for the relief and deliverance of the people of God! Let us accept this great responsibility today and begin to break the silence within our own lives!

Prayer for Day 10

Lord, we have known the message of "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" for a long time. Yet, we didn't realize that belonging to this kingdom we are now a part of, also meant that we were responsible to not remain silent. We are to speak out on behalf of people, specifically your people Israel. Thank you for inviting and bringing us into Your "kingdom for such a time as this!" Open doors and possibilities for us to speak up for your land and people in this hour. We ask that you would send forth relief and deliverance to the Jewish people, and if at all possible, allow us to actively bring relief through our own work as well! Open the doors of blessings for us, not blessings to receive, rather blessings to share and give! We don't want to remain silent anymore! Change our hearts so that our voices would rise to the very heavens speaking the truth of God to those around us! As it says in Psalm 149, "Let the high praises of God be in [our] mouth, and a two-edged sword (the word of God) in [our] hand..." All these things we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.



Remind

"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Isaiah 62:6-7 NASB 1977

It is not a new idea for the Church to be watchmen for the world. Many sermons and messages have been taught from Ezekiel 33 concerning the importance of being a watchman for others, as it says "if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person...his blood I will require at the watchman's hand." But the part that everyone seems to miss in this passage is God's words to Ezekiel in verse 7 of the chapter. There God says to Ezekiel, "I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel..." Where are the watchmen standing on behalf of the land and people of Israel today? Where are those who "...all day and all night...never keep silent?" Christianity has a strong emphasis on spontaneous prayer and intercession, so, where are the people making intercession for Israel? The Christian movement worldwide is supposedly 2.6 billion people strong. Can one imagine what would happen if every believer around the world would not be silent nor give God "rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."?" Notice the wording here, "You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves." Are we reminding God every day of His promises for Jerusalem? In other versions it translates this phrase as, "You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent." So, if you make mention of the Lord, and if the God of Israel is the God you follow, then this commission is for you! We can and should never be silent until Jerusalem, the place where God said His presence would dwell forever, becomes a praise in all the earth! We must plead with God to turn our hearts and the hearts of the nation's back to Him; back to seeking Him in the place where He said, "Seek me and live." (Amos 5)

Prayer for Day 11

Lord, we have been charged to remind You day and night of Your promise to one day make Jerusalem a praise in all the earth! We have missed this calling for so long, but we recognize now how important this topic is to You. Teach us to "pray without ceasing" for the restoration of Jerusalem, Your holy city. We commit ourselves to be watchmen for Your city, Your land and Your people! Please, allow us one day to literally stand on the walls of Jerusalem, making intercession for Your city. But until that day, inspire us to spiritually stand in the gap for Jerusalem and the people within it. As it says in Psalm 122, we pray over Jerusalem, "Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces...I will now say, 'Peace be within you.' Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good..." All these things we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen



Radiation

"Arise, Shine (Be Radiant); For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah 60:1-4 NKJV

Christians like to point to the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 11, where he writes, "blindness in part has happened to Israel..." But Paul doesn't write that Israel "is blind." He writes Israel is blind in part; even as all of us in some way or another are blind in certain areas of our Spiritual life. We like to say that Israel is blind, but did you know that the nations of the world are doubly blind? In Isaiah 60, speaking of Zion, it says, "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you." Why must a light shine forth out of Zion? Because, as we read in the next verse, "Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples..." The peoples of the world are in darkness and blind to much of what God is doing in the world today. We need to be the gentiles who are drawing near to the light that is coming forth from Zion; as we do, we must lead the rest of the world towards that light as well. It is up to the people of God to excitedly join in with God's redemption plan; as we are diligently faithful to God's plan, may the light of His glory begin to shine forth from Zion, even as it shines now, within each of our hearts!

Prayer for Day 12

Father, for so long we have been blind to the light which You are sending forth from Zion. Please open our eyes to the work You are doing, in and through Israel. Give us "ears to hear and eyes to see," as Your light shines in our own hearts. Thank You for the Jewish people who have faithfully prayed every day for You, O God to "Ohr Chadash Al Tzion Ta'ir — Shine a new light on Zion." We join in with the Jewish people in asking for this revelation of Your Divine light! Show us how to better share this message with those around us and bring the world to a lighter and brighter future! Thank You for saving us out of darkness and blindness and for revealing to us Your marvelous light! Bring us through the valley of the shadow of death and destruction which we have walked in for so long, and lead us in the way everlasting! All this we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.



Relentless

"For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns." Isaiah 62:1 NKJV

The Prophet Isaiah realized long ago the need to be relentless when it came to speaking on behalf of Zion and Jerusalem. One of the biggest sins of the Church, and also of humanity, has been its passive silence in the face of the many evils found within our world. That is not to say that everyone has been silent within the Church, but the silent majority has definitely been common throughout our history. Now is no longer the time to remain silent! Why should we speak loudly and boldly on behalf of Zion? Because we know that the kingdom of God is established beginning in Jerusalem! We talk about how we want the Messiah to come, and how we want all the evils of our world to disappear, yet we do nothing to prepare for that reality!? We must learn to proudly stand up for the place where God said salvation would go forth from. If we don't make Zion a priority, then we have lost sight of "from where our help comes". After hearing repeated calls throughout the Church body about the need for another reformation, one of my friends here in Israel began to call this new reformation, the "Reforma-Tzion" (Zion) movement. One of the biggest things missed by the Church, going even all the way back to the First Council of Nicaea in 325 C.E., was the importance of Israel, Zion and Jerusalem. If we are needing another reformation, how about we begin by looking to the place of which the Prophet Joel spoke, saying, "And it shall come to pass...that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh...And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance..." Where do we find deliverance? God has plainly told us the place! So now we must relentlessly take our commission seriously. We should never hold our peace until the message of salvation which can be found in Jerusalem burns brightly as a signal fire for the entire world!

Prayer for Day 13

O God, may we never be silent for the sake of Zion and Jerusalem! Father, turn in compassion and rebuild Your holy city as a place of salvation and deliverance so that the nations may seek and find You there. We need You in Jerusalem! Forgive us for leaving this important element out of the message of salvation. We want to love Your city even as You love Your city. We want, even as it says in Isaiah 60, for "Violence [to] no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; But you shall call your walls (the walls of Jerusalem) Salvation, and your gates Praise." O God, when will the violence end? When will the terrorism, hatred and destruction cease? Perhaps it is when we as Christians and followers of the God of Israel stand up and refuse to be silent for the sake of Zion! As the prophet Joel prophesied, "In Mount Zion...there shall be deliverance!" Lord, we know how much we, as well as the world, needs deliverance! Give us the strength to move and remove the obstacles that hinder the nations from seeking You in Jerusalem. May we see You in Zion, soon and in our days! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Regard

"But You, O Lord...You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her...has come. For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, and show favor to her dust. So, the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory..." Psalm 122:12-16 NKJV

What beautiful verses from Psalm 122. After remembering yesterday to never be silent concerning Jerusalem, we have the promise that God will arise one day and have mercy upon Zion! As it says in this Psalm, "the time to favor Zion...has come!" Now is the time for Zion to find favor before the King of the Universe. But how do we remind God of His promises concerning Jerusalem? We read it in the very next verse. It says, "Your servants take pleasure in her stones, and show favor to her dust. So, the nations shall fear the name of the Lord..." When we, as the servants of God show regard for Jerusalem, then the nations fear the name of the Lord, and God is aroused to show favor to Zion, His dwelling place which He chose forever! Do we love the physical stones of Jerusalem, do we long to breathe in the air and feel the dust of Zion under our feet, or are we happy where we are? You see, everyone wants change, but no one is willing to change...everyone is spiritually hungry, but no one is willing to do the work in order to be fed. Where are the people willing to rise up and literally stand in the streets of Jerusalem; not as tourists looking at ancient history, but rather as children of a King, who see future redemption hidden just below the surface? We must learn to love the city of our Father, for if it is His home, then it is ours as well! So come to Jerusalem, for it is, as Psalm 48 puts it, "The joy of the whole earth [and] the city of the great King."

Prayer for Day 14

Father, we are sorry for our disregard for the place that You desire to show favor to, Jerusalem. We have never thought of Jerusalem as the joy of the whole earth; in fact, the news media and TV show us just the opposite of joy. Instead of joy, we see terrorism, dangers, and a host of other reasons we should stay away from this city. Forgive us for seeing things through the eyes of the world and their opinions; we truly want to see Jerusalem become a place of salvation and praise for the entire world. Let us see Jerusalem through Your eyes. Let us be those servants who love the stones of Jerusalem and show favor to her dust. Jerusalem is so much more than a beautiful picture on a calendar, or a place to barter for cheap goods; it is Your home! Help us to see it as our home as well...So we say, "O Lord, Now is the time, not tomorrow, not in a week, or month, or year, but now, now is the time to favor Zion!" In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Relationship

"Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; So, a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name." Malachi 3:16 NKJV

Now that we have repented and realized our role within this ultimate process of restoration, we can turn our focus for the final seven days on the renewal of relationship. After 2000 years of hatred and misunderstanding, we must first deal with the things that have kept us from having a relationship of blessing. But, before we can even think of beginning a new relationship, we must deal with the biggest obstacle in its way: pride. Pride must be replaced with humility; this is the only way to breathe new life into this delicate relationship. That is why I chose the above verse from Malachi 3, where we read, "Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another..." Do you know how long it has been since Jews and Christians have actually spoken with each other in meaningful relationship? To be sure, we have talked at one another for the past 2 millennia, but speaking with each other is a total miracle we get to witness and experience today! There is something we read about in the story of Joseph which is very interesting. In Genesis 37 we read that Joseph's brothers, "hated him and could not speak peaceably to him." When the brothers are reunited in Genesis 45, we read that once the jealousy, bitterness and anger were gone, "[Joseph] kissed all his brothers and wept over them...after that his brothers talked with him." There is something special about being able to speak with one another. When Joseph's brothers "could not speak peaceably to him," the relationship was broken. Eventually this led to Joseph being sold away as a slave by his brothers. But when the relationship was mended, they could once again talk with each other. Amazingly enough, the prophet Malachi notes that when the people of God speak one to another, suddenly, "the Lord listened and heard them..." When we begin to speak in meaningful dialogue with our fellow God-fearers—the Jewish people that is when God listens and hears. So let us begin speaking with our Jewish brothers and sisters. This is not to change them, but rather to love them, and may God hear and be pleased at the sound of His children reunited and talking once again!

Prayer for Day 15

Father, we are reminded of the words from the book of James which state, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." Lord, we want to re-enter into a proper relationship with the Jewish people. Help us to learn how to be humble servants, even as Jesus, our master, was the greatest of servants during his time here on earth. Allow us to truly remove the arrogance and attitudes that have kept Jews and Christians apart for so many years, and replace them with hearts that desire relationship. Thank You for allowing us to live in a time that dialogue and conversation are actually beginning to take place. Help us to quit talking at people and instead learn to speak to people. It is amazing to think that, when we talk and walk together in unity, that You listen and record those conversations. You treasure and love it when Your children are all getting along with each other. May our communication with each other be a sweet sound to Your ear; as we learn to, as it says in James 1, "...be swift to hear, slow to speak, [and] slow to wrath..." In Jesus' name we pray these things, Amen.



Reconcile

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God [through Messiah is] reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the [message] of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

We as Christians have been commissioned (according to the Apostle Paul in the above verses) with the ministry of reconciliation. Now, the context used here is in connection with reconciling the world back to God. But how can we ever begin the journey of reconciling the world to God, when we are not reconciled with each other. Part of the chaotic connection we have with our Jewish brothers and sisters, comes from the fact that we, apart from relationship and love, tried for so many years to "reconcile them to God," without being reconciled with them ourselves. Now that we are finally coming in humility and are desirous of relationship, the falsities and lies we have thought about one another can fall to the wayside, because as we talk, we truly realize how much we desire the same thing—to see the entire world reconciled to the God of the universe! If we desire to see people be reconciled back to God, then we should work to reconcile ourselves one to another. I find it amazing to see men and women who have their own dysfunctional families attempting to reconcile others. If the work of God is not evident in one's own home, how can people claim to be bringing it to anyone or anywhere else? So let us each now take this commission of reconciliation seriously, as we seek, alongside our Jewish brothers and sisters, to see the world reconciled to God!

Prayer for Day 16

Father, forgive us for thinking that we can reconcile the world back to you, while we allow our own relationships to remain in despair and disrepair. We recognize that each repaired relationship is a miracle from You, and we ask that You would allow us to begin to bring healing to our relationship with the Jewish people. Send forth Your Spirit of reconciliation, so that we can together work to see the world reconciled with You, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. Show the world through us, what it looks like to walk in reconciliation and forgiveness. And when the world sees that it is possible to walk together as brothers, even after the terrible past of Jewish and Christians relations, perhaps then the rest of the world will be able to see a way past all of our current problems of hatred and unforgiveness. May this be Your will and may we see it soon in our time! Amen and Amen!



Rest

"'Comfort, yes, comfort My people!' Says your God. 'Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned...'" Isaiah 40:1-2

We find in the Prophet Isaiah a mandate for us to speak comfort to the people and city of God. We may pray for Zion, asking God to send forth His comfort and peace to His people and city, but what are we practically doing to bring comfort to Israel? We read in Isaiah 51, that God has promised that "[He] will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody." But what if we can begin this process of comforting Zion? We pray for healing, but don't claim we did the work. We plant Churches, but don't claim we did it by our own strength. We feed the homeless, but all in God's name. Yet, when it comes to Zion, do we expect the miraculous? No! The wilderness turning into the Eden of God takes literal work. Joy and gladness, thanksgiving and melody don't just appear when the angels begin to sing. Rather, the people of God, who take God at His word and begin implementing it are what give these prophecies life. We don't claim that we can accomplish what only God can accomplish, but we do claim that we can begin the work knowing that God the Master Builder will finish the work in us and in this world. So, when the Bible tells us to speak comfort over Jerusalem and over its people, wake up to the reality that there are literal people and a literal Jerusalem that need us as Christians to speak rest, comfort and life over. When we Christians wake up to our calling as Comforters of Jerusalem and the people of Israel and begin to put it into practice, this will be what begins the ushering in of a time of ultimate comfort by the God Who "will wipe away every tear from [all of our] eyes!"

Prayer for Day 17

God, we thank you so much for Your comfort, as it says in 2 Corinthians, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." The comfort we have received from You is not only for ourselves, but is something we were meant to share with those around us. Father, make us comforters of Your people Israel and Your city Jerusalem! Open up doors to allow us to bring comfort in a practical way, so that one day soon we can truly say to Zion that "her warfare is ended." They have been fighting for so long, send forth Your Spirit of Comfort and Rest, through us, so that we can be a blessing to Your people Israel; And that they would know that they are no longer alone. We also want to see You, O Lord, comfort Zion and bring ultimate redemption. That time when the entire Land of Israel becomes the garden of God, where we can walk with You again, just as it was at the beginning of creation! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Rebuild

"And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the [foreigner] shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers." Isaiah 61:4-5

Today, we live in a season of rebuilding, whether it is in the land of Israel itself, or the relationships we see coming together between Christians and Jews. We can see the rebuilding process taking place before our very own eyes. As we read in the verses from Isaiah above, "they shall rebuild the old ruins." This means that there are old things that are being rebuilt, like relationships that have laid dormant for the past 2000 years. The next verse in Isaiah says something very surprising. "And strangers..." Once the rebuilding process of the ancient ruins begins, the strangers arrive on the scene. Who are these strangers? Perhaps it is us Christians who have been walking parallel but never together with the Jewish people for so long. Suddenly, when the ancient meets the present, Jew and Christian can come and finally rebuild together. According to these verses the foreigner does not come to preach or evangelize. Rather, the foreigner comes to be a blessing to the nation and people of Israel. This is how true relationships are built, by service and love, without agenda except to restore that which has been broken for far too long. So come and join in; come serve, and be a blessing as we walk in the beautiful work of restoration of relationship that God is doing in our time!

Prayer for Day 18

Thank You God for the ancient prophecies that You are fulfilling in our days! It is amazing to see and also to be a part of. Help us to learn how to be a blessing to Your people. Take the agenda out of our hearts and replace it with a genuine love and desire to get to know Your people better. Thank You that they have held onto Your promises and are acting upon them; show us how we can better be involved and used in the work that is taking place in our time! Thank You that the strangers have a place in Your kingdom and house! Teach us how to be servants to all men, especially the nation of Israel, even as Jesus, our master came "to serve and not to be served." Give us hearts of service and so rebuild the relationships that have been broken, and heal the hurts that still continue even to this day. We want to be "Am Echad, Hashem Echad—One People [with] One God!" May it be so, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Rejoice

"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Isaiah 2:2-3

We are living in the last days, and as such, we should be inviting the nations to come up to Jerusalem, the Holy city. Granted, the House of God has not yet been established; this means we have a lot of work ahead to prepare for the time when the nations will come streaming into Jerusalem. But we can begin giving the invitation to those from the nations to come and experience Jerusalem as it is today. When people from the nations begin flocking to Jerusalem, showing their love for God's city, then not only will God take note, but so will the rest of the world! When tourism to Israel explodes on a massive scale, all because people want to be in the city of the great King, then the world will take notice! We need a grassroots movement of people saying one to another, "Come, let us go up!" We need Jerusalem to become a praise in all the earth. We need the word of the Lord to go forth from Jerusalem, and we need the God of Jacob in Jerusalem so that He can teach us His ways! Do we seriously think we can take a shortcut to redemption? The answer is no! So, we need to invite our friends and family to Jerusalem, for as it says in Isaiah, "...all nations shall flow to it..." Let us turn this prophetic word into reality! Seek the Lord, not just "while He may be found..." but also in the place where He said He could be found! Let us prepare our hearts and the hearts of the nations to go up to Jerusalem! And when we arrive, together, as Jew and Gentile, let us ask for God's blessing and presence. He is what we ultimately need to radiate forth from that Holy city, "for [in that day, finally] He will teach us His ways!"

Prayer for Day 19

God, make us clarion voices calling to the world around us, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!" We want and need You ruling from Jerusalem. Forgive us for running to all other places but the very place You said You could be found. We want to prepare ourselves to welcome You back to the very place where You said Your presence would dwell forever. And, we don't want to be the only ones waiting for You! Let our voices call the nations to come and humble themselves. As more people begin to wake up to the importance of Your city, not just as a historical site, but as a place for future history to be made, let us find You and Your presence there! We pray for the peace of Jerusalem! Thank You that you are building up Jerusalem in our time! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Revival

"Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities...saying, 'Let us continue to go and pray before the Lord, and seek the Lord of hosts'...Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord'...'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'" Zecheriah 8:20-23

Above we read one of the greatest passages about the coming and soon to be revival of the nations. But as has been stated before, it takes our involvement to move these prophecies forward. A lot of Christian circles speak of ideas like "walking in the prophetic". Yet when it comes to Israel, the most prophesied coming revival in all of scripture, Christians generally know next to nothing. When we look at the above verses, we must ask ourselves, "where are the inhabitants of many cities" who want to "seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem?" It is a beautiful thought that there is a day coming when even the "strong nations" will seek God in Jerusalem in order to pray before Him. But, as it says in the book of Romans, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Who is currently telling the nations to seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem? What church is telling their people to go to the land of Israel in order to seek God? There is a large stone wall in front of the United Nations building in New York which has a beautiful but rather utopian verse from the Prophet Isaiah chiseled in stone. It says, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." The UN believes it is doing all it can to bring these words to pass, but they cannot change the hearts of men. So, if we truly want to see peace in our time, then how about we follow God's way...encourage the nations of the world, to seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem. Better yet, how about the nations of the world grab onto the Jewish people and say, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." So that together, every eye will see and be ready when God appears in the Holy city, in His glory! If this is what you want, then begin making Jerusalem, the Jewish people and the fate of the nation's your priority in your life! Seek the Lord in Jerusalem!

Prayer for Day 20

Thank You God for this revival and redemption plan which You have laid out plainly for us in the book of Zechariah. Help us, as people (and Christians) from the nations, to excite those around us to seek You in Jerusalem. We believe that the vision of Isaiah, where every nation lays down their weapons, is not just some fantastical dream, but a future reality. Father, we ask that You would turn the hearts of men back unto Yourself. May they realize the empty vanity of their wickedness and immorality, and instead, truly desire Your way. Thank You for the Jewish nation. Thank You that they are recognized as set-apart to You. May the peoples rally around them and say, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you." And as the Jewish people hear these words from the nations, let them revive to the great purpose You have them for—to be a light to the nations! Thank You that we as Christians get to be on the frontlines of what You are doing in the world today; help us, alongside our Jewish brothers and sisters to wake up the nations to seek You in Your holy city! Amen!



Redemption

"All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name...All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations." Psalm 86:9. Psalm 22:27-28

Ultimately, the restoration of Jewish and Christian relations is just the beginning of what we want to see happening around the world. Jews and Christians coming together to invite the nations of the world to seek God in Jerusalem would certainly change the entire world. Together, we could have the loudest voice for truth, when compared to any other religious group or affiliation. If 2.6 billion Christians and 15.3 million Jews were to all stand together inviting the nations to come and worship God in Jerusalem, believe me, the nations would respond; and we know they eventually will, because as we read in the above Psalms, the nations "shall come and worship..." This brings to mind two questions. Firstly, is it possible for Jews and Christians to come together in order to make this happen? Secondly, is this the time when these things could take place? I believe I can answer these two questions with one answer: yes! It is possible for Christians and Jews to come together. We are living in a time when it is happening right before our eyes! If Christians and Jews can unite together in order to shine God's light into this world, then absolutely, it is the time for the nations to come up to Jerusalem. My dear friends, in the words of the Apostle Paul, "our salvation is nearer [now] than when we first believed!" We are living in the times of which the Prophets dreamt. These are the times that the disciples of Jesus yearned for. We are so close, and yet have so much work ahead. This day concludes our journey through this small write-up, but it only begins our journey towards a bigger, brighter and better future when all nations, Jews and Gentiles, crowd into Jerusalem, in order to worship the God Who has redeemed us all! May it be soon and in our days!

Prayer for Day 21

Thank You God that Your ultimate plan is to see all nations gathered in Jerusalem to worship before You and You alone. Help us to be and remain inspired to take this message of redemption to the ends of the earth. The nations need to know where they should be looking and coming in order to meet with You! Thank You for all we have been able to learn as we have gone through the scriptures for the past 21 days. May You continue to open our eyes to the "wonderous things" in Your scriptures. Help us to never lose sight of the future vision we have received: to see You Seated on Your throne in Jerusalem. Keep discouragement far from us, as we seek to wake up those around us who need to hear the message of salvation going forth from Jerusalem. We ask that You would build the walls of Jerusalem, bring peace within her midst and establish her to be a praise in all the earth. We need You, O Lord, on the throne in Jerusalem! Please hear our cries! God willing, allow me to someday soon walk those literal streets of Zion; for Your servants, now that we understand the importance of Jerusalem, will "take pleasure in her stones and show favor to her dust!" All these things we ask and pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.



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