

Prayer Topic #17:

A Prayer for Jerusalem and Israel

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 24, Jeremiah 33:6-11

Reflections of the Heart:

O, Uru-sa-lim – Jerusalem – you are a city founded to possess God's peace; you are one of the ironies of the whole world. Your long history has experienced so little peace as principalities and powers in the world have shed rivers of blood to possess you, in spite of the heavenly possibilities intended in your name. We pray for you, Jerusalem.

Scriptural Prayer:

Eternal Father, we thank You for Jerusalem and for the Nation of Israel. Thank You for remaining faithful and steadfast to the covenant You made with Abraham. Thank You for including us as children in Your covenant and for giving us a rich heritage. We give You thanks, O God. Your wondrous works declare that Your Name is near. Lord, You are good. Your faithful love endures forever. You are a faithful, loving and compassionate God. Lord, You are great and mighty in power; Your understanding is beyond comprehension. We exalt You Lord, our God, and worship at Your holy hill. You are Holy.

Triumphant Father, in the Name of Jesus, we pray for peace in Jerusalem. We stand on Your Word that all who love this city shall prosper. In Jesus' Name, may there be peace within the walls of Jerusalem and prosperity in her palaces. For the sake of our families and friends, peace be unto you, Jerusalem. Loving Father, You chose Israel from the beginning. You love them dearly and Your covenant with Abraham, Israel, and Jacob has not changed. So, as Your watchmen, we pray for Jerusalem. We will give You no rest until You have completed Your work and You have made Jerusalem the pride of the earth. We declare that God's grace and mercy, through the ministry of the Gospel, will draw the people of Israel. As promised in Jeremiah, we decree that God will rule in the hearts of all of the families of Israel and they will be His people. They will call on the name of the Lord and they will be saved. Jesus, You are the One who has come from Jerusalem to rescue all humanity. According to Your Word, we are expecting You to turn Israel away from ungodliness and take away their sins, just as You have taken away ours.

Holy Spirit, we lift up to You American leaders who are working to achieve peace in the Middle East – President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and the State Department's top diplomat for the Middle East, Jeffrey Feltman, and international envoy Tony Blair. Impart Your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to our leaders who meet with Israeli leaders, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, and Defense Minister Ehud Barak. Lord God, we specifically lift up to You Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, and the various leaders of the factions which may emerge from time to time within Palestine, including leaders of Hamas, Fatah al-Islam, and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), the Islamic Jihad and the Palestinian People's Party, that Your will be done to bring peace to Jerusalem, Israel, Palestine, the wider Middle East, and the world as a whole. We lift up our Christian leaders who You have been assigned to bring the Gospel such as Dan Sered, Peter Nasser, Alex and Brenda Awad, and all Christian missionaries. Anoint their words and actions to penetrate the darkness and encourage their hearts to persevere. Remind them of Your Word concerning Jerusalem and Israel.

What can you do in the crusade to bring peace to Jerusalem?

Loving God, forgive us in the Body of Christ when we fail to be concerned about Your holy city, Jerusalem, and Your people, the Jews, both those who inhabit Israel and those of the Diaspora around the world. Forgive us when we are mindful only of the desire for peace and salvation in our country and not for peace and salvation in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Heavenly Father, help the people of Jerusalem to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Almighty God, You alone are our God, the One who is able to do mighty miracles. As Your Name deserves, You are praised in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. Your strong right hand is filled with victory! O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may Your Name be praised forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 75:1, Psalm 136:1, Psalm 147:5, Psalm 99:9, Psalm 122:6-7,

Romans 11:2,28, Isaiah 62:6, Romans 11:6,7,31, Jeremiah 31:1, Romans 11:13,26-27, Jeremiah 33:9, Matthew 6:13, Deuteronomy 10:21, Psalm 48:10, I Chronicles 29:10

Today, I will trust God to:
