

Prayer Topic #9:
A Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 4, I Peter 3:8-18

Reflections of the Heart:

“Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Scriptural Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank You for this beautiful world You created. Thank You that we can stand in full spiritual authority against the evil rulers, mighty powers, and evil spirits that are afflicting the Middle East (Yemen, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Bahrain, Iran, and Israel). Thank You that through the power of prayer, we can experience peace that exceeds anything we can understand. We, Your children, will praise you at all times. We will constantly speak Your praises. We will boast only in You, Lord. We will tell of Your greatness and exalt Your Name together. Oh, the joys of those who trust in You, Lord! You have performed many wonders for us. Your plans are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If we tried to recite all Your wonderful deeds we would never come to the end of them.

Worthy Father, we declare that You are King of all nations! We, the Body of Christ, proclaim that the earth and everything in it is Yours. The world and all its people belong to You. We expect Your will to be done in the Middle East just as it is in Heaven. We decree that despite those in the Middle East who rebel against truth and righteousness, You are mighty to save them. You will do it to defend the honor of Your Name and to demonstrate Your mighty power. In the Name of Jesus, we decree that You have given the people of these nations the power to resist the enemy's schemes to keep them oppressed, therefore he will flee. The Lord Jesus left His gift of peace of mind and heart with the Body of Christ, so we commit to share that gift with the nations of Yemen, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Bahrain, Iran, and Israel. We declare that You hear their pleas for justice and You listen to their cries for help. We confess that the Spirit of the Lord rests upon the Head of NATO, Danish Prime Minister, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Senator John McCain, the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Congresswoman, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman of the U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs. We decree that they delight in obeying the Lord concerning these Middle Eastern nations. They will not judge by appearance, nor make a decision based on hearsay. But they will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited.

Holy Spirit, let revival begin within the Middle East. Encourage the hearts of our brothers and sisters in those nations who have believed on the Name of Jesus Christ to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Help them to put on all of God's armor so that they will be able to stand firm against all the strategies of the devil. Teach us all, as the Body of Christ, to pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Help us to stay alert and be persistent in our prayers for all believers everywhere. Raise up leaders in the nations of the Middle East who are pursuers of peace and justice. Expose those who endorse corruption and greed, and those who instigate social unrest and start wars for their own selfish benefit. Show our world leaders who are directly engaged in curtailing the global effects of the conflicts in the Middle East the path to peaceful transition.

As you become aware of the current needs of these nations (through the media and other resources) ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray effectively for them:

Merciful Father, forgive the sins of Yemen, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Bahrain, Iran, and Israel. Forgive the leaders of these nations for suppressing the truth by their wickedness. Forgive the people for being unyielding to change. Forgive the United States and other powerful nations for exploiting the weaknesses of the Middle Eastern nations for our own benefit. Forgive us for withholding good from the poor, the suffering, and the disadvantaged of these nations when it was within our means to help them. 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.)**

Glorious Father, help the nations of the Middle East not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Magnificent Father, we glorify You, the God who rides across the ancient heavens with Your mighty voice thundering from the sky. We will tell everyone about Your power. Your majesty shines down on Israel. Your strength is mighty in the heavens. Your right hand has won a mighty victory. Your holy arm has shown Your saving power! The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Ephesians 6:11-12, Philippians 4:7, Psalm 34:1-3, Psalm 40:4-5, Psalm 24:1, Matthew 6:10, Psalm 106:8, James 4:7, John 14:27, Psalm 17:1, Isaiah 11:2-4, Ephesians 6:10-11, 18, Romans 1:18, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 68:33-34, Psalm 98:1, 3

Today I will trust God to:
