

## Pray For Israel PRAYER GUIDE

**"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."  
- Romans 10:1**

Israel is experiencing a powerful spiritual awakening. More than ever we need prayers of the saints for the work ahead! Would you commit to leading a Prayer for Israel group in your city?

We have put together a prayer guide with insights and prayer points to help lead your time.

### THE GOSPEL IN ISRAEL

"And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God." Luke 1:16

#### WE NEED PRAYER FOR THIS GREAT AWAKENING!

For over 2000 years Yeshua (Jesus) has been the best kept secret amongst the Jewish people but in only 6 years we've had over 36 Million views of the Gospel in Israel alone!

#### ▶ Pray for hearts to be open to the Gospel as they see our evangelistic ads

This awakening is not in the local square but online, as thousands of Israelis are responding to our Gospel outreach. Our websites and social media platforms are a destination for seekers all over Israel, packed with testimonies, apologetics videos answering atheists and rabbinic objections to Jesus, and many more faith-related topics. In these videos, we defend our faith with apologetics and challenge non-believers to investigate and reconsider their views about Jesus.

#### ▶ Pray for those actively seeking the truth in Israel today

Did you know that over 6,000 Israelis a month search Google for Jesus? That's more google searches than any other religion or religious figure in Israel! To compare, the word rabbi in any search only receives 1/3 of the search queries as those searching for our Messiah! Please pray for God to guide people in their internet searches to find the Messiah.

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#### ▶ Pray that our Gospel ads will reach Israelis in the right time and place to hear the Word.

In 2020, our outreach films reached over 6.4 Million views in Israel, and over 2 Million individuals on YouTube alone! Many that we reach with our ads write us that they've been binge watching our videos about Yeshua. Pray for more binge watching of the Gospel!

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### ▶ Pray for Secular Israelis

About half of Israelis are secular - they may not be observant but will still celebrate the Jewish holidays, just as non-believers celebrate Christmas in the West. Some are atheist, some agnostic, and others are attracted to New Age spirituality. However, everyone sometimes wonders about life's big questions. Please pray for secular Israelis to hunger and thirst for truth - and to find it! Pray for God to bring those who are seeking in contact with believers.

### ▶ Pray for Religious Orthodox Israelis

About a quarter of Israel's Jewish population are Orthodox, ranging from the extremely strict ultra-orthodox to the more relaxed and traditional expressions of religious Judaism. For most in this bracket, Jewish identity has become even more important than the truth, and the idea of accepting Jesus is an unthinkable betrayal. However, we are seeing more and more choosing to put their faith in Jesus as the Messiah among the Orthodox community. Please pray for

### ▶ Pray for our writers and media team developing new resources and outreach videos.

Our media team needs prayer for inspiration and protection. Some on our team have had bricks thrown through their windows and had to move multiple times because of the death threats we receive. Also pray for more Israelis whose lives have been transformed to come and share their story of salvation publicly, this also comes at a high risk to those who share. We're constantly developing new resources and teachings in Hebrew, please pray for God's inspiration as we write and shoot these projects.

### ▶ Pray for those in the Orthodox communities who must secretly search out their faith.

Did you know half of the seekers we chat with each week are from the Ultra Orthodox communities? In some sects having a smartphone is prohibited but they still find ways to find us online. Online media based outreach is extremely effective in these areas, as it can enter neighborhoods that we could otherwise never enter!

## DISCIPLESHIP IN ISRAEL

And when they heard it they began glorifying God; and they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law." Acts 21:20

The awakening in Israel is like an iceberg, what we see is just the tip. There's a large group of seekers under the water, and it's our passion to engage them and bridge the gap into discipleship and spiritual growth!

### ▶ Pray for the underground believers to step into discipleship.

It's common for us to receive messages from new believers who have believed for years but were afraid to share their faith with even their husband or wife. Our online discipleship course is designed to bridge the gap into discipleship and spiritual growth, Please pray for these new seekers to start their journey and contact our team today!

### ▶ Pray for those in the Orthodox community, for their safety and and for boldness to take the next steps.

It's not easy for these new believers to take their first steps into community life, most are gripped with the fear of being found out. An Orthodox friend of mine used to travel to another city and disguise himself before showing up at a home fellowship for fear of being discovered by his community. Some have been abducted by their family and sent to "deprogrammers" when their family discovered their faith.

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### ▶ Pray for those unable to attend a local congregation.

From Orthodox seekers to underage believers, even to those who live in a town or moshav without a local fellowship, it's not easy to gather for most new believers.

We've heard from many underage believers who have been rejected from attending a local fellowship because Israeli law dictates that anyone under 18 must receive both parent's written permission to attend a local congregation. Online discipleship material and congregations are the only option for many who aren't able to attend in person.

### ▶ Pray that they would overcome temptation and pressure from their culture to hide or recant their faith.

Sometimes it's wise to be circumspect about following Jesus, but sometimes hiding our faith can be a matter of fear rather than wisdom. Please pray for new believers to know when to speak up and when to stay silent, when to hold back, and when to be bold. Pray that their faith grows in depth and passion whatever situation they are in.

### ▶ Pray for Young Adults in Israeli universities and the IDF to stand firm in the faith.

Even in freer western countries, young adults often fall away when they experience the freedom of leaving home. Whether they're in university or the army, please support Israeli young adults in prayer, that they would not falter. Pray that God would be very real to them in their personal lives, and that they would be able to work through doubts and difficulties without getting shipwrecked.

## SALVATION IN FOR ARAB ISRAELIS AND THE MIDDLE EAST

“In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The Lord Al-mighty will bless them, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.” Isaiah 19:24-25

God is bringing awakening to All ISRAEL, and our outreach in Arabic needs your prayers as we connect with seekers in Israel, Gaza, the West Bank and throughout the Middle East.

### ▶ Protection for Muslim seekers

It's dangerous to be seen even contemplating Jesus in some places - fear and intimidation keep many away. But for some, their curiosity cannot be stopped. Please pray for protection for those trying to find out about Jesus and also for courage.

### ▶ Seekers to take the next steps into discipleship

Please pray for those who are contacting believers like us to see that Jesus is the Pearl of Great Price, worth everything that we have. Pray that many would be ready to start following Jesus.

### ▶ Reconciliation of Palestinian and Israeli Arab Christians

There have been some very positive steps toward unity between Jewish and Arab believers here in Israel, but many in the Palestinian territories remain disconnected from their Arab brothers and sisters here. Please pray for God to work in hearts to bring about more unity and reconciliation.

### ▶ Protection and inspiration for our team

We receive much harassment and abuse for the work we are doing - sometimes even threats of violence. Please pray for our protection: from physical harm, from spiritual attack, and for our relationships and families. Pray also for our team as we walk with God, that we would never lose our passion for Him - for protection of our spiritual lives.

### TRAINING WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38

#### ▶ Pray for our professors

It's a sobering responsibility to be teaching those who will be teachers in the land of Israel. We also have to bridge the gap between Arab and Jewish, conservative and charismatic students with a wide theological basis and bring unity and a balanced teaching to serve the congregations of Israel. Pray for our faculty to maintain a fresh and vital walk with the Lord and inspiration from God's word and the Spirit of God as they teach. Pray for God's direction, inspiration and wisdom as we not only teach but develop curriculum in Hebrew for future generations.

#### ▶ Pray for Bible college students

Israeli students come from all over the country to study with us. Many are also juggling jobs and family. Please lift up all who are studying with us - for help with all they need to excel in their studies. Pray they will be well-equipped to be effective workers in God's kingdom.

#### ▶ Pray for more to accept the call into ministry in Israel

For much of Israel's history, full-time ministry has been frowned upon by believers. It is good to be salt and light in the marketplace, but slowly more are starting to accept that God still has His "Levites", called to serve full time. Please pray for God to call more workers, and that those who are called would respond!

#### ▶ Unity of heart and vision for Pastors (OFI BC serves as a meeting point and bridge for both Jewish and Arab congregations)

Our Bible College has the great privilege of being a hub that connects believers in Israel, from all kinds of backgrounds. Many Jewish and Arab pastors come to study with us and make important connections with one another that continue after their studies. Pray that this unity continues to flourish and flow out to the congregations around Israel.

#### ▶ Pray for women's ministry in Israel

Looking at the big picture of the Body of Messiah in Israel, we see women of influence being catalysts for bringing revival and growth to their communities. Many women have been serving in administrative, teaching, serving, and counseling roles for a long time in Israel without much training or support.

### THE CHURCH IN ISRAEL

“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46-47

#### ▶ Pray for the Jewish and Arab believers in Israel to stand up as Salt and Light in their workplaces and daily life.

The believers in Israel need encouragement and boldness to share their faith especially in a culture of persecution that rejects their faith. We hear amazing stories of Israelis, bold in faith, that share with their co-workers and friends, but the majority need more boldness to shine their light to those around them. "No one

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lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.” Luke 8:16

### ▶ **Discipleship for Believers in Israel**

Pray for the body of Israel to grow deeper in the Word, Faith and Love. Personal discipleship isn't just a great need for new believers but as well our challenge is to help develop the spiritual maturity of the Body in Israel. Our website [Messianic.co.il](http://Messianic.co.il) and facebook groups help provoke challenging conversations and teachings in the faith.

### ▶ **Young adults spiritual growth.**

From school to their service in the IDF, the pressure on young Israelis is immense. Pray for them to stand firm, step into discipleship and be bold in their faith. Our Young adult evenings we host bring together hundreds of young people from all over Israel, pray that these events will continue to grow and that God will bless the ministry to our young adults in Israel.

### ▶ **Unity among the congregations of Israel.**

Pray not just for unity between various congregations but that inside each local congregation that we would be unified in the Gospel and personal discipleship to grow in our faith.

“being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3

## ISRAEL'S DEFENSE & SECURITY

“For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.” Deuteronomy 20:4

### ▶ **Pray for our soldiers to win the spiritual war.**

4 out of 10 Messianic IDF Soldiers walk away from their faith after serving in the IDF.

Our soldier's ministry exists to turn back that tide, from falling away to falling more in Love with God during their service.

### ▶ **Pray for the mental and emotional health of our soldiers**

SERVING IN THE IDF IS NOT EASY.

It comes with a host of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges that can severely test and even break a person.

After high school, almost all Israelis have to do two or three years of army service, which often means being isolated as a believer in some of the most formative years of life. There is a great need for support and encouragement of our soldiers. So we developed a ministry specifically dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of our soldiers. There are hundreds of Israeli soldiers who love Jesus serving in the IDF, but it is extremely challenging – mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

### ▶ **Pray for the commanders and leadership of the IDF**

The ramifications of decisions can be felt for generations for good or for bad. Please pray for those in positions of responsibility to have all the information they need to make good decisions, and also for wisdom to know what is right.

### ▶ **Pray for covering and protection as they serve.**

Israel has been rescued from annihilation several times over, but please keep praying for protection over all our soldiers and those responsible for them as they seek to protect civilians. Pray too for their hearts as they

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encounter many challenging experiences - that they would not become hardened or compromised by hatred, but would remain professional and upright.

▶ **Pray for wisdom and peace for those serving in the West Bank to bring peace.**

God has His people in the West Bank, both Palestinian believers and those who have come to serve from other nations. There are others who may not know Jesus who are also working towards peace. Please lift these people up asking for wisdom, direction and guidance, that they would have God's help as they serve.

▶ **Pray for the believers serving in the IDF to be strong witnesses to those around them.**

Currently there are around 400 believers in the army, many of whom are the only one in their unit. Pray that God would strengthen them in their faith, and give them both comfort and courage so that they can be salt and light to those around them.

## PRO LIFE ISRAEL

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:13-16

### 9% OF PREGNANCIES IN ISRAEL END IN ABORTION, THAT'S OVER 40,000 LIVES LOST PER YEAR.

▶ **Help for at risk mothers to stay strong.**

ONE FOR ISRAEL is helping to prevent abortion by supporting women who choose to keep their babies. Many contemplating abortion will do so because they are in insecure situations relationally or financially. We undertake to provide basic necessities and also provide care and support for those who say yes to life. Please back these women and their children up in prayer, that God would provide for their needs - financially, practically, emotionally and spiritually.

▶ **Pray for the Gospel to go forth through ProLife ministry.**

We don't just deliver aid to at risk mothers, but we pray for them, listen to their stories, and share the Hope of the Gospel with them. Pray for our case workers and the pro life case workers in Israel to have grace and open doors to share the Gospel. Many of these women that we've ministered to come to faith, pray for their next steps into discipleship and spiritual growth.

▶ **Pray for single mothers in Israel**

The fatherlessness epidemic that affects so many countries is a reality here too in Israel. Please pray for women who are trying to raise children and provide for their families single-handedly. Pray for wisdom, support, and for God to be their ever present help.

### THE POOR & THE NEEDY OF ISRAEL

Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him. Psalm 41:1

#### ▶ Pray for those we're visiting with humanitarian aid.

Israel is one of the most expensive countries in the world, with an extremely high cost of living, and many struggle to make ends meet. Pray that we are able to help those who really need it, and that they would feel cared for as we serve them.

#### ▶ Pray for the Holocaust survivors in need.

Many Holocaust survivors in Israel live in poverty and have no family around to help them, sometimes having to choose between food and medication. Pray that as we take regular care and food packages, they would have a glimpse of God's love for them. Pray that God would show His mercy to them by meeting their needs practically and spiritually.

#### ▶ Pray for those who've lost their job due to the Corona crisis.

The economy has taken a terrible blow. Pray for Israelis who are now without a job and looking for work. Pray for new enterprise, for rapid job creation, and for God's help for those who are struggling with the crisis.

### THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Tim 2:1-2

#### ▶ Pray for leadership to do the right thing.

Israel's government can change and flex frequently but please pray for whoever is in a position of power today - for a sharp conscience, for wisdom, for righteousness and integrity.

#### ▶ Pray for righteous coalitions that properly serve the people

We know that ultimately God is sovereign, but let's pray that God steers the development of coalitions to be shaped according to His will. Pray for righteousness, justice, and people with a true heart to serve Israel.

#### ▶ Pray for unity amidst years of polarizing elections in Israel

Israel's Knesset is a relatively wild and colorful institution, which can be good natured at times and at others dangerously hostile. Please pray for the very different factions representing different interests in Israeli society at this time - pray for peaceful discussions and positive communication so our politicians work together constructively.

#### ▶ Pray for leaders who will stand up for and protect the Messianic minority in Israel

Whether right or left wing, almost all of the Jewish politicians are united in their disapproval of Messianic believers in Israel. Please pray that God would raise up leaders who would stand up for the rights of minorities like Messianic Jews and Evangelical Arabs at the political level.