

PRAY FOR ISRAEL

October, 2024

It has been one full year since the attacks on Israel by Hamas in October, 2023, and the people of Israel continue to face threats to their very existence. Here are some ways we can be praying for them:

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

At any moment, day or night, Israeli citizens may have to seek cover from rocket, missile or drone attacks from Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Yemen. They may also be attacked on the street by terrorists from within their own borders or the West Bank. Pray that God would grant protection and give peace.

Pray for the children. War is very traumatic for the children involved in this conflict. There are many in shock and deep trauma, not only from the rockets but also from the ground incursions.

Pray for the elderly. Many aren't able to quickly reach the bomb shelters in time and many are injured as they rush to shelter. Pray for comfort and protection over the elderly in Israel.

Pray for those who live near the northern or southern borders to be able to return to their homes. Pray especially for those whose homes have been destroyed or badly damaged.

PRAY FOR SOLDIERS

Pray for the soldiers who are on the front lines right now. Pray for their protection not only physically but also mentally and spiritually. Many will see very traumatic scenes and experience things that are hard for the human heart to process.

Pray for wisdom for all those giving leadership and strategy, that God would give them divine intelligence and guidance.

Pray for soldiers who are recovering from devastating battlefield injuries.

There are many believers in the army. Please cover them all in prayer. Pray they have opportunities to encourage their fellow soldiers and point them to Jesus, the Messiah!

PRAY FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Pray that the Israeli government can be unified in their cause to defeat their enemies and ensure a swift victory.

Pray that they will make the right and righteous decisions that will ensure a lasting peace and security and not a temporary compromise.

Pray that they would stand strong against the international pressures from governments and international media.

PRAY FOR THE HOSTAGES

Pray for the 101 individuals who remain held in Gaza. It is estimated that half of them may be already deceased. Those alive face horrible conditions, starvation, physical violence and psychological torture. Pray for their endurance, but most of all for their rescue or release.

Pray that they turn to God at this desperate hour, that He would visit them to bring comfort, strength, and hope.

Pray for those who have already been rescued or released, for healing from the trauma they experienced.

PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND

Many Israeli families have lost loved ones, either from the violence of October 7, 2023, or in the year of battle since. Please pray for their comfort as they face unbearable loss.

Pray for families of the soldiers fighting. When reserves are conscripted, families are missing their fathers, brothers, sons.

Pray for the families of those captured. Pray for God's great love and comfort to surround them and strengthen them at this time. Pray that they, too, will call out to God.

PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN GAZA

There are a good number of secret believers in Gaza, and many who have seen Gospel videos online in Arabic. Pray for God to care for all His sheep there, protecting them from all evil, danger, and harm.

Pray for terrorists to encounter Jesus, for many dreams and visions during this time.

Even though a majority support Hamas, a large number living in Gaza do not. There are no bomb shelters, but rather militants use civilians as human shields. Pray for God's help as Israel tries to accomplish its military goals while sparing the lives of civilians as much as possible.

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