

## ISAIAH 62 PRAYER INITIATIVE

January 2018 Prayer Letter – Week 5



Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for joining with us here in Jerusalem during this special month of prayer. We can be confident that God has heard our prayers; therefore, this week let us give thanks to God for His great faithfulness!

For centuries, most Christians were able to live in their home cultures and lands while Israel remained in exile. This unfortunately led some Church leaders to profane the name and character of God. Ezekiel 26:20 shows us this: “When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My holy name—when they said of them, ‘These *are* the people of the Lord, *and* yet they have gone out of His land.’” So, let us give thanks to God that He chose us to live in this chapter of human history when He is reaffirming His character by restoring Israel.

Ezekiel 36:22-24 show us that God’s purpose in restoring Israel is for His name’s sake; “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the Lord,” says the Lord God, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.”

Thankfully, we are living in a time when God is removing all excuses to profane His name. He is doing this for His name’s sake among the Nations proving that he is faithful and true. Thankfully, we are alive in this season to see His salvation reaching across the nations with unprecedented church growth, which Jesus explained as the fulfillment of the time of the gentiles.

So, let us give thanks to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Cor 15:57)

Shalom from Jerusalem!



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# PRAYER POINTS

## For January 2018 – Week 5

The next day of prayer and fasting in our Isaiah 62 Global Prayer Campaign will be on Wednesday, January 31st, 2018. Please join us!

### **Prayer Focus for the Final Week of January 2018**

Please focus on the following areas of need in this final week of our special January 2018 prayer vigil in the Isaiah 62 Prayer Campaign. Also, please let us know about your needs and how God has answered your prayers! Send a short email to [prayer@icej.org](mailto:prayer@icej.org) or find us on [facebook.com/ICEJofficial](https://www.facebook.com/ICEJofficial) to let us know you are praying and fasting with us.

#### **1. Prayer for Israel and the Nations with Thanksgiving**

Give thanks to the lord that nations are hearing His call to become sheep nations in his flock. (Matthew 25:31-46) Verse 31-33 explains, “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.”

Let us give thanks that nations like the USA, Guatemala, Czech Republic, and Hungary are taking a stand for Israel. Let us also pray that more countries would become sheep nations and not goat nations, because their leaders fear God and honor His Word more than they fear and honor men.

Pray that the Lord would hasten His good work in Jerusalem to prepare this city to finally receive her eternal King, the Messiah. And pray that, until then, the Lord would place a mighty hedge of protection around Israel to guard the nation from all her enemies.

*“... And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth!” (Isaiah 62:7)*

*“And the Lord will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.” (Zechariah 2:12)*

*“All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.” (Matthew 25:32)*

*“It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.” (Zechariah 12:9)*

## **2. Prayer for the Middle East with Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the multitude of Muslim people whose hearts are rejecting the violence of Islam, and are coming to Jesus across the Middle East.

Let us give thanks for the estimated 2 Million Believers in Iran, and let us pray that the current protests in Iran would swiftly free that nation from the hardline Islamist rule of the Ayatollahs.

Let us give thanks for the Sunni Muslim nations such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and the United Arab Emirates who continue to quietly align with Israel.

*“Why do the Nations Rage... and the Rulers take counsel together Against the lord and His Anointed... He who sits in the heavens shall Laugh...” (Psalm 2:1,2,4)*

*“Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them.” (Numbers 14:9)*

*“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.” (Colossians 4:2-4)*

## **3. Prayer for the ICEJ with Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His grace and the way he showed His comfort to Israel in 2017 through the ICEJ.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the open doors that await the ICEJ in 2018. We praise God for the way He will carry out His vision in reaching all Israel with a testimony of



Christian love and reaching all nations with the hopeful biblical message of Israel's restoration.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the finances to bring more Jews home to Israel (Aliyah), to complete the new building at our Haifa Home for Holocaust survivors, and to meet other urgent needs in Israel.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His presence and blessings over our staff. Pray that the Lord would protect and guide the ICEJ leadership in all their work and travel.

*“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.” (2 Corinthians 2:14)*

*“And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.” (Titus 3:14)*

*“He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” (Isaiah 11:12)*

**Thank you for joining with us in prayer!**