Dear Prayer Partners,

Recently, I have been reading through the “small prophets”, and it struck me how consistently they bring the message of both judgment and the return of the Jews from exile to their ancient homeland. Here are just a few verses:

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.”
Ezekiel 36:24

“... the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together.” (Hos 1:11)
“Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God ... you shall praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.” (Joel 2:23)

“I will bring back the captives of my people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them, says the Lord your God.” (Amos 9:14-15)

“At that time, I will bring you back, even at the time I gather you: for I will give you fame and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I return your captives before your eyes.” (Zeph. 3:20)

Together with numerous Scriptures in the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, the Bible presents a very clear picture of God judging His people strictly, and the ultimate judgment is their uprooting from the Land and dispersion among the nations. However, God will eventually have mercy and bring the people back to the Land. There, He will deal with them, cleanse them and redeem them (Ezek. 36:24-28).

We are privileged to live in a time when the restoration of Israel is evident and unfolding before our eyes. It is no longer a mystery, something our forefathers struggled to understand and interpret correctly. For centuries, the church even taught that these Scriptures could not be taken literally, and they were applied to Gentile believers in an allegorical sense. The Jews were thought to have been punished by God forever, and the Land of Israel was no longer considered relevant.

On the other hand, the Jewish people never ceased praying for the return to Zion. Throughout their exile, they remembered the destruction of the Temple and kept the hope of return alive. Perhaps nothing symbolizes this hope better than the sentence which has been uttered for centuries every year at the end of the Seder meal, inaugurating the Feast of Passover: “Next year in Jerusalem!”

Today, the Jewish state is a reality that no one can deny. The Jews have returned to Zion, and the Bible says that it also has significance for the nations. When the Lord
brings the Jews back from exile, “the nations will know that I am the Lord.” (Ezek. 36:23) In fact, the nations have a great role to play in spreading the message.

The Prophet Jeremiah says: “Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock.’” (Jer. 31:10)

It is our mission to declare the magnificent deeds of our God concerning Israel to the isles afar off. Give God no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the Earth.

Shalom from Jerusalem,

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PRAYER POINTS
For June 2018
The next day of prayer and fasting in our Isaiah 62 Global Prayer Campaign will be on Wednesday, June 6th, 2018. Please join us!

Pray with us accordingly:

1. **Prayer for Israel**

   - **Three Embassies in Jerusalem**
     We give thanks for the United States, Guatemala, and Paraguay, as they were the first three nations to move their embassies to Jerusalem. Please pray for these nations to experience what the Bible says in Genesis 12:3, that God will bless those who bless Israel. We received a praise report and proof of this promise about Guatemala. On the exact day Guatemala opened their embassy in Jerusalem, there was not one crime reported in the whole country. Please continue to pray for these embassies as they plant roots here in Jerusalem, Israel.

     “Blessed is he who blesses you, And cursed is he who curses you.”  
     (Numbers 24:9)

   - **Israel and Gaza**
     There have been recent clashes between Israeli forces and the Hamas terrorist organization governing Gaza. Hamas has been leading protests along the Gaza/Israel border over the past weeks. These protests have often turned violent resulting in bloodshed. Tensions are now rising further, with Hamas firing rockets and mortar shells at Israeli communities across the border.

     The Prophet Zechariah mentions the bend towards violence in Gaza by name in chapter 9. Later in the chapter, the prophet also speaks about the Lord bringing restoration and peace in this region. Let us declare this verse over the areas of the West Bank and Gaza for the Lord to take away the desire for bloodshed and abomination.

     “I will take away the blood from his mouth, and the abominations from between his teeth. But he who remains, even he shall be for our God, and shall be like a leader in Judah, and Ekron like a Jebusite.” (Zechariah 9:5-7)
• Holocaust Survivors

Many Holocaust Survivors who were children and teenagers during World War II are now nearing the final season of their lives. This is our last chance to make a positive difference in lives that began in severe adversity and abject cruelty. Please pray for Holocaust survivors in Israel and around the world, and pray for God to move powerfully through the ICEJ at the Haifa Home for Holocaust Survivors to bring comfort, love, and care to these survivors in this last season of their life.

“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” (James 1:27)

• Aliyah and Integration

Please continue to pray for Ethiopian Aliyah. While there is a principle government decision to bring in the remaining 8,000 plus Ethiopian Jews, the government has placed a temporary hold on this decision for administrative reasons. Pray for this hold will be released and for God to provide the necessary finances to the ICEJ to help bring the expected 1,400 Ethiopian Jews back to the land of Israel this year.

“I will whistle for them and gather them, For I will redeem them; And they shall increase as they once increased.” (Zechariah 10:8)

2. Prayer for the Nations
• **Israeli relations with its neighboring countries**
There is a shaking going on amongst the leadership of many nations who share borders with Israel. Many of these countries have developed an unprecedented favorable position towards Israel. Please pray that this move will continue and other neighboring countries will join in this development.

“For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.” (Leviticus 26:9)

• **Embassies plan to move to Israel**
Please pray for the nations who are considering moving their embassies to Jerusalem: Czech Republic, Togo, Romania, Panama, Zambia, Hungary and Honduras. Pray that God might steer the hearts of these leaders to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and follow suite of the first three nations who have already opened their embassies in Jerusalem.

“At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem.” (Jeremiah 3:17)

• **Iran and Israel**
Confrontation with Iran is escalating due to the withdrawal of the US from the JCPOA nuclear agreement. This is causing divisions between the US and European allies, and is allowing anti-Israel politicians and groups in the US and EU to frame opposition to Israel as part of their disapproval to the Trump Administration. Let us pray that the Lord would pour out favor over Israel and its allies, and for God to strengthen their relationships with these governing political bodies.

“When a man’s ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.” (Proverbs 16:7)
• **Ramadan**  
  The muslim world is fasting for Ramadan this month, and this is the time many Muslims have encounters with Jesus manifesting Himself as a man in white. Please pray that many Muslims would have these encounters and that they would receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

  “I was sought by those who did not ask for Me: I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’ To a nation that was not called by My name.” (Isaiah 65:1)

### 3. Prayer for the ICEJ

• **ICEJ Regional District Leaders**  
  The ICEJ has over 90 branches around the world, and God continues to grow the ICEJ around the globe. Please pray that the Lord would give wisdom and insight on how to facilitate the growth of the ICEJ as a new framework is put in place to better steward the work that God is doing through the ICEJ on the global stage.

  “..Select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.” (Exodus 18:21)
Feast of Tabernacles
There are certain nations that have a difficult time getting visas from their country to be able to come to Israel. Let us pray that the nations of the world would be represented this year at the Feast of Tabernacles, and that the parties involved would be able to process the visa requests timely and that every financial hurdle would be overcome with ease. Please also pray for a large delegation from your own country to be able to come to the Feast of Tabernacles 2018 to represent itself before the Lord here in Jerusalem.

“And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

“Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the Lord.” (Zechariah 8:20-23)

Thank you for joining with us in prayer!