

ISAIAH 62 PRAYER INITIATIVE

Prayer Letter for January 2019 – Week 3

Dear prayer partners,

Thank you for joining us here in Jerusalem during this month of prayer and fasting. Philippians 4:6-7 says: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Therefore, this week let us pray to our God with thanksgiving!

Praying together every week throughout the month of January is a very special and powerful way to begin the year. As we reflect on everything God has done in 2018, and look forward to the new beginnings God will do in 2019, we have much to be grateful for. Let us give thanks to God for He has chosen us to live in these special days.

Isaiah 49:22 says, “Thus says the Lord God: ‘Behold, I will lift my hand in an oath to the nations, and set up my standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.’” As I read this verse, I see Jesus as the standard and banner raised to the nations. And we, His followers, are called to carry the sons and daughters of the scattered Jewish people back to their promised biblical home, Israel. My heart rejoices with gratitude that we are the generation blessed to cooperate with our Lord in this process of restoring Israel.

Thankfully, we are the generation alive when God is redeeming Jerusalem and we are called and empowered by His Holy Spirit to show Comfort to His people. Isaiah 40:1-2 says: “‘Comfort, yes, comfort my people!’ says your God. Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

So this week as we seek the Lord in prayer, let us give thanks to Him, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

Shalom from Jerusalem!



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PRAYER POINTS

For Week 3 of January 2019

*The next day of prayer and fasting in our Isaiah 62 Global Prayer Campaign will be on **Wednesday, 16 January 2019**. Please join us!*

1. Pray for Israel

Children in Israel

A recent report issued by Israel's National Council for the Child showed a very large number of Israeli children live below the poverty line. Large numbers of children also live in single parent homes and increasing numbers are having trouble at school, turning to drugs and other delinquent behavior. Pray for Israeli families and communities to be strengthened and reinforced. Pray for the children to receive the love, care and help they need to grow up to be healthy adults.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

Update on the Elections in Israel

Israel's elections are scheduled for 9 April, and there is frenetic activity as various public figures leave, join, endorse, criticize and praise various political parties and factions. The dark cloud which hangs over this political season is the question of when will the Attorney General decide whether or not to indict incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and which of the various cases pending against him might be included in that indictment. Pray for wisdom for the Attorney General and civility for the politicians as they campaign against each other for the 120 Knesset seats which are up for grabs.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5)

2. Pray for the Middle East

Pray for peace in the Arab nations

There is an emerging consensus among Israeli security and defense analysts that Iran's efforts to build up forces in Syria and proxy forces (especially Hezbollah) in Lebanon, make a war on Israel's northern border virtually inevitable. The question is when will a conflict break out and how big it will be? In the event of war in the north, what will happen on Israel's southern borders with Egypt and the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, and how will the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank respond? In light of these possible complications, Israel is making feverish preparations for all possible scenarios.

Pray for God to bring His great peace between Israel and all of the surrounding nations. Pray for wisdom for the government and military leaders, determination for all those working to prepare and for resilience for Israel's population which is likely to be put under tremendous stress.

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (James 3:17-18)

3. Pray for the ICEJ

ICEJ has a new home!

With much prayer and consideration, the ICEJ has finalized the new location for our head office here in Jerusalem (more details will be released in the coming weeks). Praise God with us, and thank Him for His provision and perfect timing! This also means we are busy preparing to move everything out of the old headquarters building. This is a huge project that needs to be done in a very short period of time, so we greatly appreciate your prayers as we move out of the old and into the new building that God has for us. Please stand with us in faith believing this new building will help us represent Christians around the world and prepare for the new wine that God is pouring out.

“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.” (Mark 2:22-24)

Thank you for joining with us in prayer!