

Watchman's Prayer Letter



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The Call of Intercessors

“Then King David went in and sat before the Lord” (2 Samuel 7:18, NKJV).

As Watchmen and Guardians for Israel, it is a spiritual privilege we have been called to, just as Moses was, who is often termed the greatest of the mediator/ intercessor prophets (**Deuteronomy 18:15**). There were a number of great Hebrew priests and prophets who stood in the gap for Israel. Both priests and prophets were intercessors for Israel, often delivering a word (**davar** in Hebrew). We think of Elijah and Elisha, both prayer warriors. Because of their steadfastness they were known as “men of God” (**1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:17-37**). As Isaiah prayed, so did Jeremiah who stood in the gap for his people and when they prayed, *things changed*. For us, as believers in Messiah Jesus, we know that He is **the** prince of peace (**Sar Shalom**, in Hebrew) and **the greatest** intercessor (**mafgia**, in Hebrew). “An intercessor, therefore, is one who makes ‘contact’ with God as opposed to someone simply dabbling in prayer.” (HebrewforChristians.com). I believe God hears the prayers and responds to the sacrificial time and heart put into praying for His Chosen People.



Recently, we saw the power of prayer in the US Presidential elections. It has been reported that at precisely the times when multitudes of Christians were crying out to God to put into place His choice of candidates, the numbers began to climb for Donald Trump. Israel's enemies continue to plot her total destruction. Through standing at our stations of prayer from Paraguay to the jungles of Sri Lanka, our prayers will be heard on behalf of God's beloved nation and people. Stand strong. Persevere. Do not give up. With uplifted hands, in the Spirit of Prayer, through petitioning, praising and pleading with God, countless miracles will continue to happen here, which I hope to report about in the future. Some have reported seeing visions of Israel becoming “like a fiercely boiling cauldron...” Some have seen missiles sent from Gaza like wasps' stings and still others have seen in the spirit, an attack launched from Lebanon by Hezbollah. Some rabbis feel that something big is going to happen soon to shake anything that can be shaken.

With Israel being a vulnerable target in the Middle East pond of predators, she is as a sitting duck with hungry alligators all around her. Let us remember she is still the **“apple of God's eye” (Zechariah 2:8; Psalm 17:8)**, and we need to prayerfully keep bringing her before the Lord God. As spiritual Gatekeepers, standing watch over the beloved City of Jerusalem and over the mountains of Israel, let us keep looking outward to catch any glimpse of where the enemy might try to overtake, take by surprise, strike or overwhelm by way of barrages of warfare, God's People. May Israel not be snared by fear (**moqesh**), and may each soldier, officer-in-charge, military commander, and service man or woman throughout Israel be strong (**chazak**) in courage and faith in the Lord God Almighty. May “this year in Jerusalem” bring Israel's King back to His People. It will not happen without a fight from the opposition. The call for Intercessors is as powerful and passionate as ever! We have no time to be “flickering embers” but only “red hot flames” on fire for God and His plans and purposes for this beloved nation. Good things are happening – keep on praying and sitting before the Lord!

Let's Enter the Throne Room to Pray:

The situation on the ground here in Israel is that God seems to be doing something in the leaders of Israel and I believe it is all in preparation for the Coming Kingdom. There are good signs that those in authority and places of influence are attempting to make the wrong things right and to clean up areas where the ways of the nations have come in strongly over the past twenty-five years. Mualem-Refaeli said, **“We are calling to create a society that protects itself from things for which we pay a heavy price. A person who is interested in these sites needs to understand that at the moment Israel is in a process, that he is an individual but part of a whole society. The measure now heads to the Knesset to begin the process of final approval in the Knesset plenum.”** (Hana Levi Julian). This process or development in Israel, I believe, is God preparing His Chosen People to *“lead the way”* for the nations of the world, in the future.

- **Pray that** Israel as a nation, will rely upon God alone and not upon ingenuity, intelligence or carnal warfare. God and God alone is their strength as a People. **“For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God”** (Psalm 86:10, NKJV).
- **Intercede fervently that** the desire to be a righteous nation will break – like a hammer breaks a rock – every evil and sinful way that has come in like a flood.
- **Sincerely call upon the Lord for** Israel to fulfill every plan and purpose God has for her existence.
- **Thank the Lord that** He will pour out His Spirit in this place in His Perfect Timing. **“But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend...”** (Isaiah 41:8, NIV).
- **Praise the Lord for** a bill regarding the blocking of pornographic material in Israel is being studied and hopefully will be passed.
- **Praise the Lord that** the Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat has issued a resolution to ban the use of loudspeakers to broadcast the Muslim Call of Prayer throughout the city. This issue of “noise pollution”, has been an issue in the Land of Israel for years. Please pray that the name of God of Israel will be heard above any other. For instance in Lod, “Shema Yisrael” will be heard in response to the Islamic call to prayer, which has dominated the air space for many years. **“Jesus replied, “The Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him’”** (Luke 4:8, NLT).
- **Enter into his gates with thanksgiving that** for the first time ever, Jews were allowed to pray on the Temple Mount as thousands ascended for the holidays this year during the high holy days. (UnityCoalitionforisrael.org). This is an incredible reversal of the usual status quo. Jewish longing for God and worship of Him, is increasing very strongly. **“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name”** (Psalm 100:4, KJV).
- **Beseech the Lord for** RAIN in Israel, much needed this year. **“Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit”** (Leviticus 26:4, KJV).
- **Pray that** more sports and activities will be Biblically based such as the Biblical marathon this year, which followed the route by an ancient Israelite messenger who brought news of the capture of the Ark of the Covenant to Eli, as recorded in 1 Samuel 4.

As we learn about Israel’s “process” they are currently in as mentioned above, let us ask ourselves how many nations of the world are in this same “process”? I believe that most leading nations of the world are in decline in many ways, and that Israel is on the rise. She will have to go through a dramatic change of heart, spoken about in Ezekiel 36, to prepare for her role in the latter days as a “light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). When the true Light of the World returns to Jerusalem, the City and Nation will shine like a diamond in the earth. To this end, let us pray for Israel as the Call for Intercessors sounds throughout the earth. God bless each of you as you faithfully pray. **Please forward this prayer material as far and wide as you possibly can in your communities of faith around the world.**

Until He Comes,
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