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With His Hands Outstretched

“And so it was, when Solomon had finished praying all this prayer and supplication to the LORD, that he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven” (1 Kings 8:54, NKJV).

All of us have probably, at one time or another, in recent years, observed the casualness, the lack of serious focus, fervency and pangs of conviction in many of our churches today. There is rampant sin all around us; one can almost breathe an air of apathy, and it can be discouraging. However, the Power of the Holy Spirit is equipped to shake up even the sleepest among us. In my generation, one of the most important practices I ever learned was the importance of prayer, and then intercession. When I was small and my Grandmother Oyer came to visit us, I could literally hear her praying while on her knees in her bedroom in the mornings. I could not hear her words clearly, but I knew she was praying. Most likely, I am saved today, because of her faithfulness in reaching out to the One God in Heaven, in the Name of Jesus, for my soul.



Where is our understanding of the power of prayer today? There are times when groups pray and nothing changes in a situation, but that should not discourage us, because **God is God**. His Plans are Higher than ours, as well as our understanding. But when corporate prayer rises to the Highest Heaven, and yes, with hands outstretched to no one but Him, relying on Him entirely, He is always there to bend His Ear toward us to listen. Solomon knew this, and he knew the power of prayer. He stood before the Hebrew children and spread out his hands and said: **“...LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before you with all their hearts” (1 Kings 8:23)**. In context, and time, King Solomon (*Shlomo*, in Hebrew) was speaking to God's Servants, the Children of Israel. Even though in rebellion in a number of areas, they are still God's children – today called “Israelis” – they still remain His Servants, and they will sanctify His Holy Name in the End Times, even if God only has a remnant to do it. Sometimes it seems there is only a remnant in the Church also, who fully understand God's Promises and Covenants, but the important thing is that we do not forget to pray....and to pray with outstretched arms. Sometimes we weep that there will be conviction of sin around us, or even in our own lives, and there are times when we lean totally upon His Shoulder to be able to make it through. **Whatever way you pray, pray it with fervor, fire, and that you mean it from your heart.** God knows. *Thank you to each prayer warrior, so faithful as you are, for years upon years, you have been praying with us for Israel. Please do not stop. Teach our youth how to enter God's Courts with reverence and with faith in all of His Promises for Israel, the Church, and the Nations...and teach them that Israel is a “key” to the redemption of the world. Without Israel, we cannot have the King's Return. Let's pray.*

Let's Enter His Courts In Prayer

Points for prayer are given so that we will strategically pray together, not just “around the world” for prayer needs, but hitting the target, so to speak, with prayer in due season. Prayer that is pertinent for the hour in which we live. Please join together with the world-wide body of believers in Jesus, for the following this month:

- **Beseech the Lord and stand in the gap** because of the volatile military situation that exists on our borders. From Lebanon, we have threats of Hizbullah and Iran. From Syria we need to watch the borders every day. From the south, Gaza is very explosive, and from the Mediterranean we need to be carefully watching naval vessels that are not legitimate vessels bringing goods, but are pawns in the hands of the enemies of Israel to try to bring about the demise of the Jewish people. Call upon the God of Israel to be our Chief Defender in all circumstances. **(1 Samuel 7:10, 13-14).**
- **Praise the Lord for** every intercessor for Israel around the world. **“Do not cease to cry out for us” (1 Samuel 7:8, 9).** **“Therefore, I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the gentiles...” (Psalm 18:49).**
- **Pray Fervently that** all corruption throughout Israel, will be cleaned up with tough laws put into place to prevent wickedness from ruling.
- **Pray for the spiritual leadership** to discern the state of the people and to be willing to address sin publically. **“Be diligent to know the state of your flocks” (Proverbs 27:23).** **“And I will give you shepherds according to My heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding” (Jeremiah 3:15).**
- **Thank the Lord for** the revival of God’s Word in Samaria as many Jewish families, including children, and their neighbors are daily studying the Jewish Scriptures, as a revival of study and seeking God is taking place and is becoming a way of life. May all Israel be seeking the Lord as these faithful are doing. **“The children of Your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before you” (Psalm 102:28).**
- **Pray for** the truth to be told about Israel, instead of strong media bias. Fake news, prejudice and daily falsehoods against the Jewish people are everywhere being reported. **“Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, whose mouth speaks lying words, and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood” (Psalm 144:11).**
- **Enter His Courts with Thanksgiving for** Israel’s openness to all nations and peoples who wish to **“come up to Jerusalem.”**
- **Proclaim His Word that** everything that displeases the LORD will be removed from the heart and soul of the nation. Be bold to read from God’s Promises in your prayer groups.
- **Form the spiritual battle lines** wherever you are. Israel is regularly on military alert status. One never knows which enemy of the Jewish people will try to harm or start a war with Israel and alert eyes need to be on the gates to our borders at all times. **“He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked” (Psalm 97:10c).** **“The rage of enemies” “Arise, LORD, in Your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies...” (Psalm 7:6, NIV).**
- **Intercede** against false peace treaties. May Israel be given much wisdom from above as to not be deceived about any false treaties that will not hold. May God give them insight to know who they are negotiating with as a peace partner. **“As in water face reflects face, so a man’s heart reveals the man” (Proverbs 27:19, NKJV).**
- **Ask God** to forgive His People for allowing gay parades to pollute the Land and streets of His Land. There should be no gay parades anywhere in Israel. **“That there be no outcry in our streets” (Psalm 144:14c).** May all hearts be circumcised. **(Jeremiah 4:4).**
- **Thank God for** the many new archeological discoveries, that are proving without a doubt that the Bible, God’s Word, is true. For those proclaimed atheists, visit Israel to see the Bible come alive! The Prophet Isaiah’s seal is on display for all to see. Recently another spiritual pillar of Israel, the righteous King Hezekiah’s 2,700-year-old-personal seal was found. His name was written in ancient Hebrew and found outside the Temple Mt. The King signed documents with the signet ring that he wore. Additionally, King David’s prayer altar was located. **“As cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a far country” (Proverbs 25:25).** **“A good report makes the bones healthy” (Proverbs 15:30).**

Until the Eastern Sky Opens,
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