

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

“May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity. PSALMS 122:6–9

Jerusalem is called the house of the Lord. It is the world’s center of His presence and His people, and will eventually be the place where the Messiah will return. Even though true and lasting peace will only come when the eternal New Jerusalem comes down (forever under the rule of the blessed *Prince of Peace*), the Word encourages us to actively seek Jerusalem’s prosperity and pray for her peace and security.

An invaluable book to have in your prayer library is Penny Valentine’s, *Praying for the Peace of Jerusalem*. The suggestions below are excerpted, with permission, from Penny’s book.

PRAY THAT ISRAEL WILL MAKE GOD HER FIRST PRIORITY IN THE MIDST OF HER TROUBLES:

- She would not look to human solutions to solve her many problems, but both leaders and people would see the futility of their own efforts and seek God’s help and look to His Word.
- She would not take His blessings for granted, nor take the credit for success, but give God the glory due His Name.

PRAY FOR ISRAEL’S PROTECTION:

- Protection from all her enemies and deliverance from every plan of the evil one to destroy her. Pray for encouragement for all those facing despair in the face of unrelenting hatred.
- The Lord’s special provision and protection over Jerusalem, both physically and spiritually, and for the safety of all of her inhabitants and visitors.
- Uphold Israeli believers who are living in obedience to God’s call. Pray for God to encourage them and provide for their health and safety, to grant them wisdom, discernment and boldness to do His will.

PRAY GOD’S NAME WILL BE LIFTED HIGH:

- That He will be glorified in all that happens in Israel and the Middle East, so that the nations may know that God is the LORD when they see His mighty acts.

- That the sufferings and evil experienced by the diverse peoples of Israel would lead many to faith in Yeshua — that God would remove the veil from their eyes and open their ears that they might hear the truth.
- That His people will be given much grace to forgive those who sin against them.

PRAY FOR ISRAEL’S LEADERS:

- God would raise up leaders of humility and integrity to be His servants and lead the nation according to His heart and the principles of His Word.
- God would guide the current leaders of Israel to place the welfare of the nation above that of their own personal or party interests.
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