

## Prayer Points for September 2020

The next day of prayer and fasting in our Isaiah 62 Global Prayer Campaign will be on **Wednesday, 2 September 2020**. Please join us!



2 Chronicles 7:14 *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

### 1. Pray for Israel

#### **New peace deal with the United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

Last week, a breakthrough was suddenly announced in Israel’s relations with the United Arab Emirates. In the so-called “Abraham Accord”, the Emirates became the third Arab state (after Egypt and Jordan) to break from the pack and begin to open formal relations with Israel without a final peace agreement with the Palestinians. Many hailed the deal as a welcome return to the “peace for peace” formula, in that Israel was not being asked to concede anything to the UAE in exchange for normalization of relations with the Jewish state. Others cautioned that there indeed might be a quid quo pro, as reports surfaced that, as part of the deal, Israel had agreed for the United States to sell the latest F-35 stealth aircraft to the UAE.

Given the urgency of the Iranian threat in the region, several other Sunni Arab states could rapidly fall in line behind the UAE in forging peace agreements with Israel. The pillar of this deal is that the leading Sunni Arab states trust US President Donald Trump to confront Iran over its renegade nuclear program and other aggressive behaviour in the region, so his re-election is crucial to widening the circle of peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

Please pray that the Israel-UAE peace accord would bear much fruit between these two nations and throughout the region. Pray that the momentum would carry over in coming weeks and months to warmer relations and even peace accords with other Arab states, such as Oman, Bahrain, Morocco and Saudi Arabia. Pray that President Trump and his team would be able to continue building on this diplomatic breakthrough in the Middle East in the months and years ahead.

*“The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.”*  
(Psalm 29:11)

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”* (Matthew 5:9)

### **Israel's government**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his alternate PM Benny Gantz are still unable to reach an agreement on the long-overdue state budget, a dispute which almost triggered the collapse of the unity government and a fourth round of elections. A last-minute compromise has put off the budget deadline until December. This is just one of many issues still straining the coalition government. Meantime, Netanyahu is facing rancorous public protests outside his official residence demanding he resign over the corruption trials against him, which are set to begin soon. The tone of these protests has become very inciteful and he is now worried about threats to his family.

Please pray that all the parties within the Israeli government would work together to strengthen the nation during these troubled times, as they face budget battles and economic worries amid a second wave of Corona. Pray that PM Netanyahu would know how to properly deal with the demands of office even as he defends himself from what he considers to be trumped up charges against him. And pray for protection for him and his family.

*"Two are better than one... Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)*

*"... endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)*

## **2. Pray for the Nations**

### **For quiet on Israel's borders**

Hizbullah in Lebanon continues to test Israel's alertness along its northern border, by launching several cross-border incursions in recent weeks. The IDF has managed to thwart these terror operations so far, but Hizbullah is under increased scrutiny over its role in the major explosion in Beirut port several weeks ago. This may cause the Shi'ite terror militia to provoke a military confrontation with Israel to relieve the growing pressure at home.

Meanwhile, Hamas in Gaza has resumed its launching of incendiary balloons over the border to set fire to Israeli fields and orchards. Tensions along the Gaza border have been growing recently and many local Israelis fear another rocket war with Hamas may be looming.

Please pray for a seal of protection around all of Israel's borders, and especially on the northern and southern borders. Let us ask for the Lord to extend His mighty hand and outstretched arm on behalf of Israel, as in days of old. At the same time, also please pray for the peoples of Lebanon and Gaza, that they would find a way out of their worsening situations, and would come to know and fear the Lord and to seek to live at peace with Israel.

*"Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me." (Psalm 31:2)*

*"He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy..." (Luke 1:54)*

### **Global revival**

Over recent weeks, there has continued to be a growing call for prayer for global revival amid the worldwide Corona outbreak and the racial rioting in the US. God is calling us to listen more closely to the voice of the Lord rather than the noise of the media, which does not have a godly agenda. As a praying people, let us take more time this month to spend with the Lord and hear what He is saying over our nations, our communities, and our own lives.

Please continue to join together in prayer with us that the Lord would pour out His Spirit on all flesh, as promised in Joel 2. Pray that our sons and daughters would prophecy and that our old men would see dreams and our young men visions. Pray for the true Church to prosper and grow even amid these troubled times. Pray that Christians everywhere would readjust their priorities away from the riches and cares of this world and onto the precious, eternal truths of our salvation in Jesus.

*“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.” (Psalm 22:27)*

*“And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. (Joel 2:28)*

### 3. Pray for the ICEJ

#### **Feast of Tabernacles 2020**

This year will be the first time in forty years that the nations will not be able to come up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, due to the Corona travel bans. But they can experience the Feast as we are moving it online and broadcasting it to the ends of the earth. The ICEJ's online Global Feast package this year will include a live worship service each day for the seven days of Sukkot, plus over 80 sermons and seminars viewable on demand. There will be virtual tours to different locations around Israel, and many other special features.

Yet this all means that the next five weeks leading into the Feast of Tabernacles will be a time of intense preparation for the ICEJ team in Jerusalem and for our national branches worldwide. In many ways, this is all new territory for us. As these preparations go forward, we will be relying on your prayer support as never before. We do not want to do anything without the Lord blessing and leading us forward.

Please pray for the leadership and staff of the ICEJ as we finish working out the details of this year's Feast. Please pray for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit amongst us. Please pray that the Lord would draw many people to register for this year's online Feast. Let us also pray that the Lord would bring the right speakers and worship leaders on board, who want to bless the people and deliver the right vision and word of the Lord which He wants to release during this year's Feast. Lastly, please pray that the Lord's glorious presence would be felt by all those preparing Feast 2020 and all those who will tune in.

*Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.” (Exodus 33:15)*

*“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.’” (John 7:37)*

#### **ICEJ's Aliyah efforts**

Over recent months, the ICEJ has witnessed a miracle in the prophetic return of the Jewish people to the Promised Land. Despite the Coronavirus pandemic, the Aliyah is still continuing and is poised to even increase significantly once the skies open up again.

The ICEJ has been able to play a key role by bringing over 1400 Jews home to Israel during this most unusual season of the Coronavirus. That is a pace of flying at least 250 Jews per month home to Israel while the Coronavirus pandemic has been impacting the world. And we hope to continue at that rate, if not more, in the months ahead.



Please pray that the doors of Aliyah would remain open and that the return of Jews to Israel would even increase despite the Corona travel restrictions. Pray that the ICEJ would continue to play a central role in this current miraculous season of Aliyah.

Pray that the financial resources would be there for the ICEJ to bring at least three thousand Jews home to Israel this year.

*“He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” (Isaiah 11:12)*

*“Known to God from eternity are all His works.” (Acts 15:18)*

**Thank you for joining with us in prayer**

