

Prayer Points for September 2022

The next day of prayer and fasting in our Isaiah 62 Global Prayer Campaign will be on **Wednesday, 7 August 2022**. Please join us!

Also make sure to join us **every Wednesday** at 4:00 PM (Israel time) for the weekly Isaiah 62 Global Prayer Gathering. Go to on.icej.org/ICEJGlobalPrayer



And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

(Ezekiel 37:3-4)



1. Pray for Israel

For Israel's Upcoming Elections

Israel is now in the midst of its fifth election campaign in less than four years. The nationwide vote will be held on the 1st of November. The basic issues facing the nation remain the same as in the last four national ballots, the foremost being whether former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu should head a government while under indictment on criminal charges. The campaign is just starting to heat up and could get very contentious, with the results probably close once again. The latest polls indicate that the turn-out rate among Israeli Arabs will be lower than normal on election day, which could work to Netanyahu's advantage.

Please prayer that the Lord would raise up leadership in Israel who would govern in righteousness and justice. Pray that the outcome of these elections would be decisive and allow for a stable government in the years ahead. Pray for a civil discourse among the political parties and leaders as they campaign for the Knesset. Pray for honesty and transparency about the plans each party seeks for the nation. Pray that Israel will remain vigilant in its defence and that the economy will prosper until a new government takes

office. Also pray that Israel's new government would be favourable to Messianic Jews and Christians in the Land of Israel.

"Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?" (2 Chronicles 1:10)

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face."
(Psalm 89:14)

For Israel's Stand-off with Iran

Reports over recent weeks claim that Iran and the Western powers are close to renewing the nuclear agreement from 2015 known as the JCPOA. Israeli leaders are concerned that the pending deal is not "longer and stronger", as US President Joe Biden promised, but shorter and weaker. The deal also would immediately release as much as \$100 billion to Iran which could be used to feed proxy terror militias with more arms and personnel to threaten Israel. This all comes as Tehran just made the chilling announcement that they are now nuclear capable. This means they have all the elements and know-how for making a nuclear warhead but have not done so yet, and they would further need to develop a delivery system for an atomic device. Still, this presents a serious threat to Israel and the region. Israeli officials are urgently asking Washington not to revive the old nuclear deal with Iran or to make it tougher for Iran to advance its nuclear program over a longer period of time.

Please pray for protection over Israel's borders, and that God would give wisdom to the leadership of the nation to defend and neutralise every threat against it. Please pray for Israel's continued success in its covert efforts to block Iran's path to nuclear arms and to keep it from dominating the region. Pray for the protection of Israel and its citizens from all the schemes launched by Iran and its allied militias to harm the Jewish state and people. Pray for ever stronger relations between Israel and its Arab neighbours in confronting the Iranian threat in the region. Pray that Iran itself will ultimately be free of the radical Islamist regime that has oppressed and bankrupted the country for over 40 years now.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. 'May they prosper who love you.'" (Psalm 122:6)

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."
(Ephesians 6:12)

For Israel to Awaken to Repentance

We recently entered the month of Elul, the sixth month on the Hebrew Calendar. On the first day of each month, the people of Israel blow the shofar as a call to attention to take time to turn away from their daily tasks and turn to the Lord to seek His face. However, this month the shofar is blown every day to awaken the people to the soon approaching High Holy Days of introspection and repentance. One scripture often associated with the month of Elul comes from Song of Solomon 6:3, which says: "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. He feeds his flock among the lilies." It is a time to draw close to the Lord because He is approachable. During the month of Elul, it is said that "the King is in the field". He is near to the common people and may be approached.

So, let us be intentional to draw close to the Lord this month and spend time with Him daily because He has made Himself available. Take time each day to read God's Word, to pray and even fast, because the Lord wants to speak to each one of us. Also, take time to pray for the people of Israel to awaken during this season and find true repentance and intimacy in the promised Messiah.

"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. He feeds his flock among the lilies." (Song of Solomon 6:3)

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” (James 4:8)

2. Prayer for the Region and the Nations

For Elections in Brazil

The President of Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro, has been in office for the past four years and his term is now coming to an end. In the current election campaign, President Bolsonaro is facing a former president with a socialist agenda who lost his last election race due to widespread corruption. Polls show the two campaigns running very close together. Bolsonaro is considered much friendlier to Israel and has said that he would move the Brazilian embassy to Jerusalem if re-elected.

Let us stand in prayer with Brazil, asking the Lord to allow Brazil to retain a government that would stand with Israel and uphold biblical values. Let us also pray that Brazil would soon move their embassy to Jerusalem.

“I will bless those who bless you.” (Genesis 12:3b)

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2 NIV)

For the World Council of Churches

The World Council of Churches is meeting in September and is expected to decide on a resolution denouncing Israel as an apartheid state. Due in part to the influence of Arab clerics in the Middle East Council of Churches, the WCC has often issued statements that are anti-Israel and even antisemitic.

Please pray for the defeat of this statement against Israel at the World Council of Churches conclave. Pray for the Lord to open eyes and give revelation to the leaders of the WCC concerning the amazing biblical credentials for Israel’s restoration to her land in modern times.

“The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.” (Psalms 33:10-11)

“You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.” (Matthew 16:3)

3. Pray for the ICEJ

For the Feast of Tabernacles

It is with great joy and excitement that here at the ICEJ we are planning and organising the Feast of Tabernacles from 9 to 16 October 2022. This will be the first Feast that will be both a physical gathering in Jerusalem as well as a virtual event on our special streaming platform. In our preparations, we are desiring that the Lord would bless this gathering with His presence coming to rest among us. We are expecting a time when the Feast pilgrims coming up to Jerusalem from around the world will encounter the Lord and receive a mighty touch from Him. But some of our Feast pilgrims still need finances to make the journey here. Others are encountering issues with obtaining visas to enter Israel and attend the Feast. One cause of this is that some employees in the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs are currently on strike over unpaid or better wages.

Please pray that the Lord would lead and guide us to organise a Feast celebration where He will be free to move and encounter each person individually who attends both physically and virtually. Pray for financial miracles for those who want to attend in person. Also pray that the visa issues would be resolved quickly and in time for all Feast pilgrims to attend. Finally, please be praying for all the other aspects of the Feast of Tabernacles, including registration, venues, short-term assistance teams, speakers, and worship artists.

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”
(Zechariah 14:16)

“Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19)

Thank you for joining with us in prayer!

