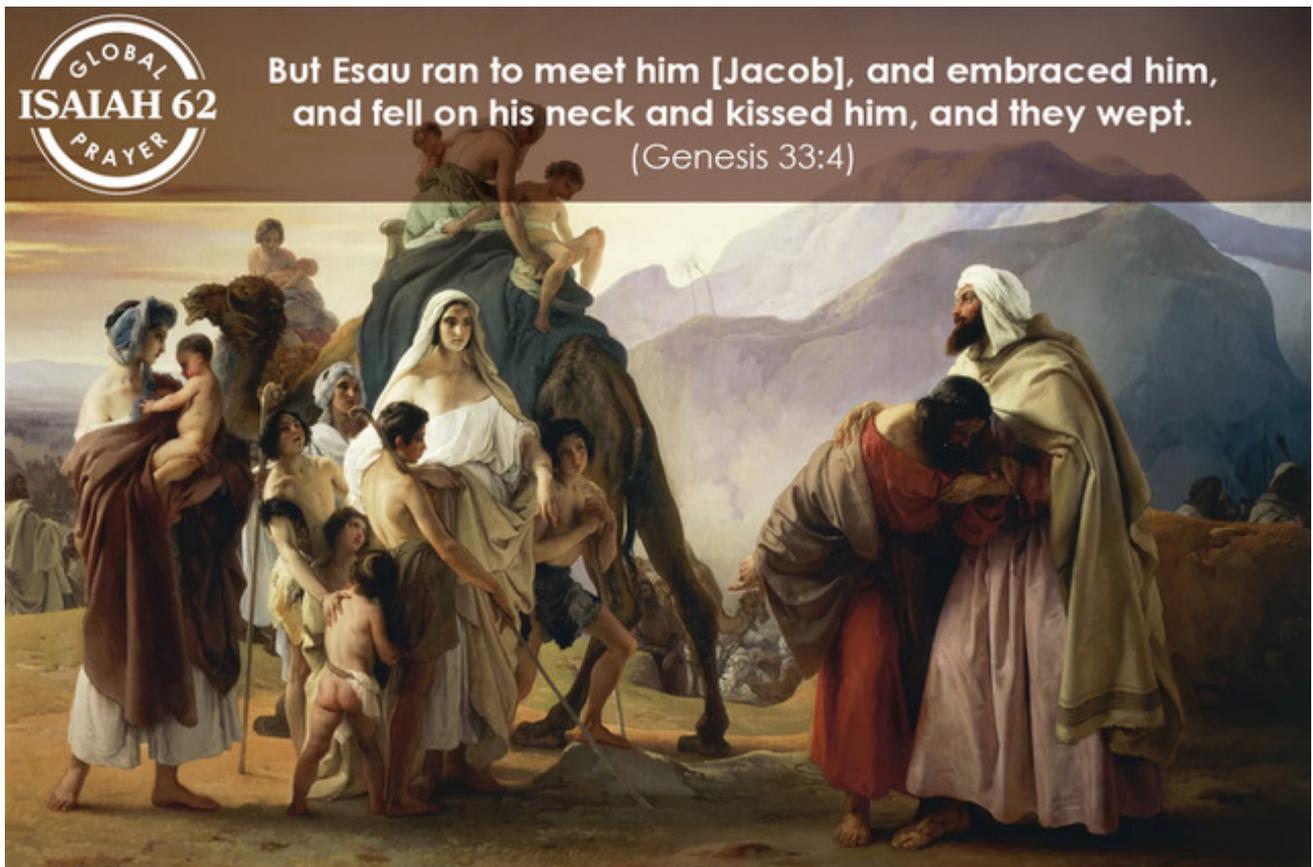


Prayer Points for February 2023

The next day of prayer and fasting in our Isaiah 62 Global Prayer Campaign will be on **Wednesday, 1st February 2023**. 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



1. Pray for Israel

For Judicial Reforms in Israel

Since taking office in late December, the new Israeli government led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been pushing for a series of judicial reforms to limit the powers of the Israeli courts. Many conservatives on the Right feel the more liberal judiciary has gone too far in its expansive review and reversal of numerous laws and government decisions over recent years.

This has triggered alarm and a growing protest movement on the Left, which is warning these reforms will destroy Israel's democracy by crippling its most principled and widely respected branch of government. The resulting national debate is sharply dividing the country and threatening to shake Israel's democracy at its very foundations.

Please pray that Israeli leaders from all across the political spectrum will find the grace and wisdom to seek common ground on the need for judicial reforms and the changes that will work for the overall good of the whole nation. Pray that calmer heads would prevail, and that God would establish true justice and upright judges in the Land. Pray specifically for Israeli President Isaac Herzog, who could play a key mediating role in this heated dispute.

“I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counsellors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city.” (Isaiah 1:26)

“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.” (John 7:24)

For Young Believers in Israel

On February 11th, young adults from around Israel will begin an extended fast together leading up to Passover. The purpose of this fast is to draw closer to God and to see a breakthrough within the hearts of the people here.

Please keep this group of young Israeli believers in prayer, that the Lord would release His grace to fast and pray as never before. Let us also pray that the Lord would move amongst them in a mighty way and call forth those who should lead the move of the Spirit among this next generation.

“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’” (Isaiah 58:6-9)

“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” (Acts 13:2)

2. Prayer for the Region and the Nations

For Expanding the Abraham Accords

The recent Abraham Accords continue to bear good fruit throughout the Middle East. Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates continue to expand their trade and investment ties with Israel, while Morocco is now welcoming scores of Israeli tourists. Jerusalem’s relations with Egypt also have warmed. Now, returning Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hopes to build on their momentum, especially by sealing an historic breakthrough with Saudi Arabia. But Riyadh is signalling any deal first depends on rebuilding their frayed relations with the United States.

Let us pray that the peace accords which Israel signed with Bahrain, Morocco, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates would continue to flourish and convince other Arab and Muslim nations to normalise relations with Israel. Pray especially for the efforts of Prime Minister Netanyahu to reach an historic peace accord with Saudi Arabia, and that the US administration will take the steps necessary that would allow the Saudis to make peace with Israel. Pray that maintaining and expanding the Abraham Accords will not require Israel to make compromises concerning its biblical heritage in Jerusalem and Judea/Samaria. And pray that this historic reconciliation process would also bear much eternal spiritual fruit as well throughout the region.

“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)



For Churches Facing Political Unrest in Latin America

Over the past year, we have seen a clear trend in many Latin American nations of Christian leaders committed to biblical principles being challenged, sometimes violently, by an odd coalition of radical leftists and Marxists aligned with far-right elements wanting to return to pre-Christian indigenous religions. This political unrest is currently impacting Bolivia, Brazil and Colombia, among other countries, and has escalated at times into violence on the streets. Last year, we witnessed this as well in Ecuador, but when we joined together in prayer the Lord immediately responded and the unrest ended in one day.

Let us prayer for Bolivia, Brazil and Colombia, as well as other Latin American countries, that the Lord would continue to strengthen and enlarge the Body of Christ, that they would be able to stand strong at this time in the faith, and that they would mature politically in order to help govern their nations well, and especially by fighting corruption in government. Please also pray that any political violence would end and that the efforts to push out Christian influence on society and government would only lead to more souls birthed into the kingdom of God and more kingdom values accepted by society.

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34)

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:10-12)

For Upcoming Elections in Africa

A similar phenomena to Latin America also is stirring in Africa, as the Body of Christ is rapidly growing but running up against an anti-Christian alliance of radical socialists pedalling dependency on big government and nativists seeking to revive ancient pagan religions. This year, 24 African countries will hold national elections, ten of which are presidential elections. We could see a dramatic shift in Africa this year that could slow the amazing fires of revival of recent decades. Many of these nations, such as Nigeria, have large Christian populations yet their current government is led by a Muslim president. Let us stand together with our African brothers and sisters asking that the Lord would do the miraculous and raise up leaders who will stand with Israel and uphold Christian values and principles in this region.

Please prayer that the Lord would set righteous leaders over the nations of Africa. Also pray that the Church would be strengthened with wisdom, understanding and authority to discern the purposes and plans God has for these nations. And pray that the African peoples would not return to their pagan gods and practices, but would more fully embrace the righteousness and freedom offered in Christ.

“So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.” (Numbers 14:4)

“Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods...” (Ruth 1:15)

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

3. Pray for the ICEJ

For the ICEJ’s Aliyah and Integration Efforts

Last year was a banner year for Aliyah to Israel, with over 73,000 Jews making their way home in 2022, mostly from Russia and war-torn Ukraine. This represents the largest influx of Jews since the massive wave of Soviet immigrants in the 1990s. The ICEJ has been involved in this surge in Aliyah, assisting more than 6,000 Jews last year to reach Israel and get settled in the Land of the forefathers. The current wave of Aliyah is expected to continue well into 2023, the needs of these Jewish immigrants are great, the



costs for flights and other Aliyah expenses have risen sharply, and there are many who need help to stay and succeed in the Land.

Please pray that the Christian Embassy will have an abundance of financial resources to help more Jews return home to Israel and get settled in the Land of Promise. Pray that we would reach new immigrant families in time to make a difference in their new lives in Israel, which only increases the Christian testimony of our aid and care for them.

“Thus says the Lord God: ‘Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.’” (Isaiah 49:22)

“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.” (Matthew 12:30)

For Israeli Visas for ICEJ Staff

Over the past year or so, several new officials have been appointed within the Ministry of Interior who oversee the process whereby we obtain visas for the ICEJ staff. The new rules they are adopting have started to impact several staff members seeking to renew their visas. There is hope the new Israeli government will work out a system that again will allow us to hire and retain Christian staff members from abroad with certainty and ease.

Please pray for our visa situation, that we would be able to keep all staff as needed, and that we would receive favour from the new Israeli government in this area. Pray that they would act quickly to resolve these issues and that the right doors would open for us to plead our cause before them.

“Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!” (Psalm 90:17)

“And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.” (Philippians 4:3)

Thank you for joining with us in prayer!

