

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! 'May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!'" –PSALM 122:6-7, ESV

As Israel reels from a barrage of deadly terrorist attacks, will you pray urgently for all those suffering? The Bible promises that "*the prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working*" (James 5:16, ESV). As you join fellow believers in bold prayer, here are some prompts and promises from God's Word that can help you as you intercede for these hurting men, women, and children.

PRAY FOR

- Comfort as they mourn:
 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
 –Matthew 5:4, ESV
- Strength and endurance: "[Be] strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy." —Colossians 1:11, ESV

• Courage in the face of fear:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." -Deuteronomy 31:6, ESV

• Freedom from anxiety:

"[Cast] all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

-1 Peter 5:7, ESV

Wisdom for leaders:

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." -1 Timothy 2:1-2, ESV

Believers as they love and comfort their neighbors:

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word." -2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, ESV

• Hope for those with missing family members:

"From the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy." -Psalm 61:2-3, ESV

• Lasting peace for those who are hurting and fearful:

"The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." —Philippians 4:7, ESV

Many to receive God's grace and mercy:

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

—Hebrews 4:16, ESV

Those who have lost their home or had to flee:

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer ... my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence."

—2 Samuel 22:2-3, ESV

- Salvation for those who don't know Jesus Christ:
 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
 —Romans 10:13, ESV
- For God's love to transform hearts filled with hate:
 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
 —Psalm 51:10, ESV

DON'T GIVE UP!

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He told the parable of the persistent friend (Luke 11:5-10) to encourage them to persevere in prayer. "*Everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened*" (v. 10, NKJV). Please keep praying urgently and boldly for Israel and the greater region.

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