

# Jerusalem Prayer Guide

Interceding for the modern people of  
God's ancient city

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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
May they be secure who love you!  
(Psalm 122:6)



O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the  
prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How  
often would I have gathered your children together  
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.  
(Matthew 23:37)



Rock of Israel, arise to the aid of Israel and  
liberate, as You pledged, Judah and Israel. Our  
Redeemer—Adonai, Master of Legions, is His  
Name—the Holy One of Israel. Blessed are You,  
Adonai, Who redeems Israel.  
(Jewish liturgy)

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your special love for the Jewish people and for the city of Jerusalem. I believe God has placed that love for His people in your heart, and that you have a special part to play in His plan of salvation for the Jewish people.

Jerusalem is the center of religious identity for all of Israel. It's where God commanded Abraham to bind Isaac for sacrifice; where David and Solomon built the Temple; where Jesus walked the streets, touched lives, was crucified, buried, and resurrected; and where He will return in power and glory one day.

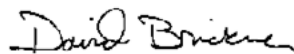
As a city plagued by religious conflict, political clashes, and the highest poverty rate in Israel, Jerusalem is ripe for the gospel. Yet, less than 1 percent of Jerusalem's Jewish residents know of their Messiah. He walked the streets of the very city they inhabit today, and still, many don't know who Jesus is, and most don't know that His real name in Hebrew, Yeshua, means "Salvation" in their native language.

This is why Jews for Jesus has just opened a new branch in the city of Jerusalem. We have recently moved a handpicked team of experienced missionaries to Jerusalem. And they have already started to fill this city with the message of Yeshua.

I believe that together, we can take part in a great move of God that will change Jerusalem—and all of Israel—forever. I know you feel the way I do, that we cannot stand by while the people of this holy city never get the opportunity to hear the gospel! Today you can help change that.

Below is a detailed prayer guide introducing you to the people of Jerusalem. Your prayers are the key to God opening doors for the gospel in this city. Pray that great miracles which took place in Jerusalem as recorded in the Scriptures would take place yet again today. And pray that God would gather His Jewish people home, not only physically to their ancient homeland, but home to their Father's heart.

In Messiah,



David Brickner  
Executive Director

# The Haredim

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6)

Ultra-Orthodox Jews make up a third of Jerusalem's population. These religious Jews are passionate about God yet are uninformed about who Yeshua is because they are reading the Scriptures solely through the lens of rabbinic interpretation. If they can become aware of what the Hebrew Bible actually teaches about the Messiah, they could have the chance to discover the truth about Yeshua. Our outreach to this population, especially the men who receive the religious training, often focuses on connecting the teachings of the rabbis to the teachings of the most famous rabbi of all time: Messiah Yeshua.

## Pray for the Haredim

- that their passion would lead them to search the Scriptures and find Yeshua
- that the secret believers within these communities would come forward without fear and be protected from persecution
- that when they meet Jesus, their zeal would make them bold to share their faith, not just with their own, but with all the nations

## Pray for Moshe

*Moshe is an ultra-Orthodox Jew who was praying and reading the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) when one of our missionaries approached him and saw that he was reading from the Psalms. Our missionary directed him to Psalm 51:10 which reads: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Our missionary then said that this promise is made available to those who put their trust in the Messiah. This sparked Moshe's interest, and he said he wanted to learn more about the Messiah! **Pray that Moshe would come to know Jesus as his personal Messiah.***



# Religious Women

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. (Proverbs 31:10, 28)

The women in ultra-religious communities are often isolated and burdened with the task of caring for the children and home while their husbands study at the yeshiva (“seminary”). We do our best to meet some of these women and provide childcare, groceries, or just friendly conversation. We also have women missionaries around the world who have a special focus just on supporting those women struggling with issues that disproportionately affect them in these communities, such as arranged marriages, lack of education, and domestic abuse.

## Pray for Religious Women

- for these women to have a hunger for God
- that their eyes will be opened to the compassion of Yeshua the Messiah through our ministry
- that they will be mightily used to bring their children and their communities to faith

You can incorporate this traditional Jewish liturgy into your intercessory prayer:

*May it be Your will, LORD God, to be gracious to these women, their husbands, children, parents, and families. Bless them greatly and remember them for good, blessing, salvation, and compassion. Make their households complete, crowning their homes with Your Divine Presence. For the sake of their matriarchs Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah, allow them to raise children and grandchildren who are wise and understanding, who love and fear God—people of truth, holy and attached to God, who will bless the world with goodness and service of God.*





# Yeshiva Students

His delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (Psalm 1:2)

Young religious men (and some women) are studying in yeshivot (“seminaries”) in Jerusalem by the thousands. They may start as early as 13 years old, although most begin studies in their later teens. Some continue to study as adults or achieve rabbinic ordination. They generally come from religious homes and often come from other countries to study in Israel.

Shimon, one of our missionaries who was once a young Yeshiva student in Jerusalem, has said, “I knew from studying Judaism that we were all waiting for Messiah, son of David. I asked my rabbis so many questions about Messiah, but I just wasn’t getting answers. I was the most religious of all, and here I am returning to the city of Jerusalem to proclaim how Jesus saved me!”

## Pray for Yeshiva Students

- that as they study God’s Word, their eyes would be opened to the truth of His promises regarding the Messiah and that Yeshua has fulfilled those promises
- that many new believers would surface in the yeshivot, and they would be bold in bringing their friends and mentors to faith in the Messiah

## Pray for Yaakov

*Yaakov is a young Haredi man who is living in a yeshiva in Jerusalem. One day, as he was riding on a city bus, he saw a sign for Jews for Jesus. He tried, but couldn’t forget about it, and eventually contacted us to find out more about Yeshua (Jesus). He had many questions, which we were able to answer. Yaakov was convinced of his need for a Savior and prayed with us to receive Jesus. A month later, he was baptized and left the yeshiva. And now his mother also received Yeshua into her heart. Praise the Lord!*  
**Pray for Yaakov and his mother to grow in their new faith.**



# International Students

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Micah 4:2)

Many people from around the world come to study at universities and seminaries in Jerusalem. There are 23,000 students at Hebrew University alone.

## Pray for International Students

- that these students would have meaningful experiences in Jerusalem and would come to know the God of Israel
- that just like in Acts 2, they would bring the good news back to their countries of origin

You can add this Jewish liturgy to your intercessory prayer:

*We put our hope in You, LORD our God, that we may soon see Your mighty splendor to remove detestable idolatry from the earth, and false gods will be utterly cut off, to perfect the universe through the Almighty's sovereignty. Then all the world's inhabitants will recognize and know that to You every knee should bend.*





# The Impoverished

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)

Jerusalem is the poorest city in Israel. Some residents of Jerusalem still beg on the streets just like so many did in Yeshua's day, carrying the weight of poverty. Poverty has been on the rise in Israel for a number of years, but the pandemic pushed this situation over the edge. Official sources have stated that 268,000 new families fell into "extreme poverty" in the land of Israel during 2020 alone. This is why we have significantly grown our ministry to those in Israel who are in need of practical support and the hope of the gospel.

## Pray for the Impoverished

- that we (and other believers in Jerusalem) can reach these people and meet not only their physical needs, but their spiritual need to know Yeshua, as well
- that any addicted to drugs or alcohol can find healing and restoration
- that their relationships with family and friends will remain intact or be restored

## Pray for Shira

*Shira recently prayed with one of our missionaries to commit her life to the Lord. Shira is homeless and addicted to drugs, yet she beamed when she told us that she had stayed up all night to read the New Testament. She was amazed to discover that, in her words, "Jesus came for people like me!"*  
**Pray that Shira would be able to find healing and new life in Messiah.**





# IDF Soldiers

[On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen. \(Isaiah 62:6\)](#)

At the age of 18, every Israeli is drafted into mandatory military service. Often, young Jewish recruits serve alongside Druze, Muslims, and Christians. There are also many Messianic Jews in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). For over a decade, Jews for Jesus has had specialized ministry to soldiers, including soldiers' Bible studies and youth groups. We also have focused ministry strategies for engaging with the young Israelis who go backpacking—in Israel and all over the world—after their Army service; they are often very open to spiritual things.

## Pray for IDF Soldiers

- for physical protection as these young men and women go through training and oftentimes into battle
- for spiritual protection over each Jewish believer serving in the IDF, and that they will be able to share the hope of Yeshua the Messiah with their colleagues
- for the words of Yeshua to be a healing balm and a deep comfort to those who have lost friends or have been injured during their time in the IDF

You can add this Jewish liturgy to your intercessory prayer:

*May the Father of compassion have mercy on the nation that is borne by Him, and may He remember the covenant of the spiritually mighty. May He help, shield, and save all who take refuge in Him.*



# Muslims

You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Leviticus 19:34)

Thirty-four percent of Jerusalem is Muslim. They have lived there among Jews and Christians for centuries, but each time the Middle East conflict is renewed, tensions continue to grow.

## Pray for Muslims

- that Muslims will come to recognize the God of Israel, falling in love with His Messiah and His people
- that innocent lives will be preserved on all sides of the military conflicts
- for the peace of Jerusalem

You can add this Jewish liturgy to your intercessory prayer:

*Sing to the LORD a new song, sing to the LORD—everyone on earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His Name, announce His salvation daily. Relate His glory among the nations, among all peoples, His wonders. May our eyes behold Your return to Zion in compassion. Blessed are You, LORD, Who restores His presence to Zion.*





# Christians

I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved. (Romans 11:25–26)

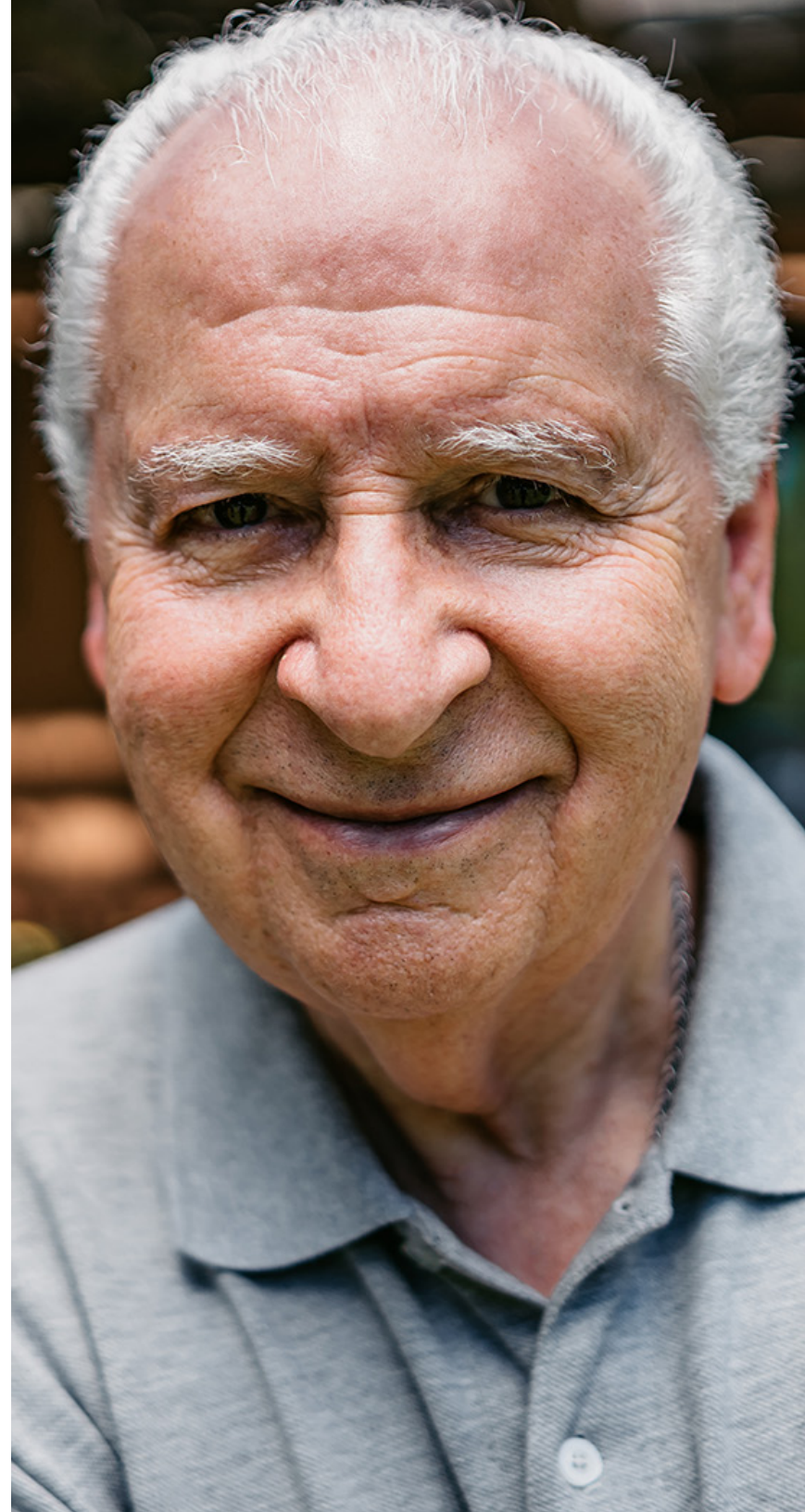
Two percent of Jerusalem is Christian. The population has fluctuated over the centuries, but now the Christians living in Jerusalem are primarily Arab, Orthodox, and miscellaneous denominations.

## Pray for Christians

- that Christians will have their eyes opened to the heart of God for the Jewish people and develop a divine love for them
- that they will be able to sensitively reach Israeli Jews with the good news of Messiah
- for reconciliation between Arab Christians and Jewish believers to be a powerful testimony to the world
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# Artists and Bohemians

I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs. (Exodus 31:3–4)

Jerusalem has a thriving arts scene, which attracts Jewish bohemians and creatives from around the globe. From the outside, this community appears free, tolerant, peaceful, and could teach the world a thing or two about acceptance.

But as we have begun to minister within the Jerusalem artists' communities, our missionaries have seen up close a population struggling with drug addiction and whose lives are often fraught with pain and relationship problems.

As we open up a new community-based innovation focused on reaching artists and bohemians in Jerusalem, we plan to offer practical help like marriage and relationship workshops, as well as art shows and events all centered around the redeeming work of the gospel.

## Pray for Artists and Bohemians

- that Israeli bohemians would see that only dependence on the affirmation and love that they can receive from God will truly settle their hearts and minds
- that the lives of believers in Israel would serve as an inspiration to Jewish artists and bohemians, and that they would seek mental and spiritual health and peace with God
- that our staff would have opportunities to share the gospel message through art and music, which can speak to people's hearts in ways words cannot

## Pray for Adi

*Adi is an artist who exhibited a painting in a Jews for Jesus art show. After that, she came to an evangelistic service, where she heard a clear explanation of the gospel. The next day, she wrote us a letter saying that each time she interacts with us, she feels a deeper need to investigate Jesus. **Pray that Adi will come to know Yeshua as her Messiah and Savior.***





# Knesset Members

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. (Psalm 2:10–11)

The Israeli parliament is called the Knesset (“Assembly”). The Knesset is made up of Israeli Jews, Arab Muslims and Christians, Druze, and Bedouins. They meet in Jerusalem to pass laws, supervise government work, choose the president, and discuss state issues.

## Pray for Knesset Members

- that these authorities will be sensitive to the will of God in their legislation
- that they will truly be advocates for all people living in the land
- that they will allow Jewish believers to return to and live in Israel

You can add this Jewish liturgy to your intercessory prayer:

*Restore Your people’s judges as in earliest times and their counselors as at first; remove from them sorrow and groan; and reign over them with kindness and compassion, and justify them through judgment. Blessed are You, LORD, the King Who loves righteousness and judgment.*







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