

Prayer Points for Israel

These prayer points are for Christians who want to pray for Israel the way Scripture teaches: for the peace of Jerusalem, for the safety of its people, for comfort for those who grieve, for wisdom for leaders, and, with the apostle Paul, for Israel's salvation. They also pray for the Palestinians and other neighbors who share the land and the region, because God's compassion reaches every family there.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you prosper. May there be peace within your walls, and prosperity inside your fortresses."

Psalms 122:6-7 (BSB)

Use one section at a time at a prayer meeting, in a small group or on your own. Read the verse aloud, pray the short prayer, then add your own words about what is in the news this week. These points do not take political positions or predict end-times events; they ask God for peace, mercy and salvation. Verses are from the Berean Standard Bible.

Thanksgiving for God's faithfulness

1 Thanks for the gift that came through Israel

Father, thank You for the patriarchs, the covenants and the Scriptures, and above all for Jesus the Messiah, who was born a son of Israel. We owe the Jewish people a debt of gratitude, and we thank You for them today.

Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them proceeds the human descent of Christ, who is God over all, forever worthy of praise! Amen.

Romans 9:5 (BSB)

2 God keeps His promises

Lord, Your gifts and Your call are irrevocable. Thank You that You keep Your word and do not abandon what You have begun. Teach us to trust Your faithfulness, to Israel and to us.

For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable.

Romans 11:29 (BSB)

3 A humble heart toward the Jewish people

Lord Jesus, keep us from pride. We were grafted in by grace to share in the nourishment of the olive root; we do not support the root, the root supports us. Remove every trace of contempt for the Jewish people from our hearts and our churches.

Now if some branches have been broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others to share in the nourishment of the olive root, do not boast over those branches. If you do, remember this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.

Romans 11:17-18 (BSB)

The peace of Jerusalem and Israel's safety

4 Peace within Jerusalem

Lord our God, for the sake of our brothers and friends we say, peace be within you. We pray for Jerusalem: for quiet streets and safe homes, and for every person in the city to live and worship without fear.

For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

Psalms 122:8-9 (BSB)

5 Protection from terror and war

Lord, Protector of Israel, You never slumber or sleep. Guard Israeli families from rockets, terror and attack. Watch over children in schools and shelters, soldiers on duty and travelers on the roads, and frustrate every plan to shed innocent blood.

Behold, the Protector of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Psalms 121:4 (BSB)

6 Jewish communities facing hatred

Lord, as the mountains surround Jerusalem, surround Jewish people everywhere. Protect synagogues, schools and families in our own country who face antisemitism, and make Your church quick to stand beside them.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people, both now and forevermore.

Psalms 125:2 (BSB)

Comfort for those who grieve

7 Families who have lost loved ones

Lord, You are near to the brokenhearted. Draw near to every family that has buried a son or daughter, a parent or a friend. Hold them in their grief, and do not let them grieve alone.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted; He saves the contrite in spirit.

Psalms 34:18 (BSB)

8 Healing for the wounded and traumatized

God who heals the brokenhearted, bind up the wounds of the injured, of former captives, of soldiers who came home changed, and of children who wake in fear. Give doctors and counselors skill, and give each one rest.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalms 147:3 (BSB)

9 Comfort for every mourning family

Lord Jesus, You said those who mourn will be comforted. Comfort Israeli and Palestinian mothers and fathers alike, and every family in the region who weeps tonight. Let them find in You a comfort no one else can give.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4 (BSB)

Peace for all the peoples of the region

10 Wisdom for leaders

Lord, You give wisdom, and from Your mouth come knowledge and understanding. Grant them to Israel's prime minister, cabinet and Knesset, and to the leaders of neighboring nations. Give them courage to pursue a just and lasting peace.

For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6 (BSB)

11 An end to war

God, You make wars to cease throughout the earth. We pray for Israelis and Palestinians and all their neighbors, for every family who longs to live without fear. Bring an end to the fighting, and let ordinary people rebuild in safety.

He makes wars to cease throughout the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields in the fire.

Psalms 46:9 (BSB)

12 Compassion for all who suffer

Lord Jesus, You were moved with compassion for crowds who were harassed and helpless. Give us Your eyes for the hungry, the displaced and the bereaved on every side, and move us to give and pray without deciding whose suffering counts.

When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36 (BSB)

13 Believers in the land

Lord Jesus, You Yourself are our peace. Through the cross You tore down the dividing wall of hostility and made one new people out of two. Strengthen Messianic Jewish and Arab Christian congregations in the land, and let their love show what only You can do.

For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has torn down the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and decrees. He did this to create in Himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace and reconciling both of them to God in one body through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2:14-16 (BSB)

Israel's salvation

14 Paul's prayer for Israel

Father, we make Paul's prayer our own: our heart's desire and prayer to You for the Israelites is for their salvation. Open eyes to see Jesus as the Messiah, and let many hear the good news with joy.

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is for their salvation.

Romans 10:1 (BSB)

15 Jesus' tears over Jerusalem

Lord Jesus, You wept over Jerusalem because it did not know what would bring it peace. Give us that same love, without pride or pressure, and reveal Yourself as the true peace its people are longing for.

As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, "If only you had known on this day what would bring you peace! But now it is hidden from your eyes.

Luke 19:41-42 (BSB)

16 Eyes opened to the Messiah

Holy Spirit, whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. As Jewish people read the Law and the Prophets, open their eyes to see Jesus there, and draw many to turn to Him.

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2 Corinthians 3:16 (BSB)

17 Courage to share the gospel

God of Abraham, the gospel is Your power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, then to the Greek. Give Christians courage and kindness to share it with Jewish friends and neighbors, and bless those who serve in Jewish ministry.

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, then to the Greek.

Romans 1:16 (BSB)

A closing prayer

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Protect the people of Israel, comfort all who grieve on every side, and give wisdom to every leader in the region. Bring an end to war and hatred. Strengthen Your people in the land, and as Paul prayed, we pray that Israel will be saved and come to know Jesus, the Prince of Peace. In His name we pray. Amen.