

Watchman's Prayer Letter



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Why Do We Pray?

“The Hebrew word *Tefilah* is generally translated into English as the word “prayer.” But this is not an accurate translation, for to *pray* means to beg, beseech, implore, and the like, for which we have a number of Hebrew words which more accurately convey this meaning. Our daily prayers are not simply requests addressed to G-d to give us our daily needs and nothing more. Of course, such requests are also included in our prayers, but by and large our prayers are much more than that, as we shall see below. Why Do We Pray? Prayer is a commandment of G-d; G-d has commanded us to pray to Him, and to Him alone. In times of distress, we must turn to G-d for help; in times of comfort, we must express our gratitude to G-d; and when all goes well with us, we must still pray to G-d daily that He continue

to show us His mercy and grant us our daily needs.” (By Nissan Mindel) When we pray for others, we become intercessors and stand in the gap for them, a very important function in the life of a true Christian.

“Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king’s guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon...” (Daniel 2:14).

The Prime Minister of Israel has many responsibilities upon his shoulders. One thing we know, that since the early days of Benjamin Netanyahu’s political career he has consistently wanted the good of the people of Israel. I stumbled upon an old YouTube clip showing Mr. Netanyahu in his university days and one could feel the spirit of the man and the love for his nation that he carried in those early days of his life. I believe he still carries it. Politics often get in the way of a man once they have attained power, and even though no leader is perfect, I believe that we all need to make sure that we are carrying on the wings of prayer, this man who really wants the best for the people of Israel. He constantly needs covering in all areas of his motivation, thoughts, decisions, and especially wisdom when answering those who are bombarding him with questions sometimes difficult to answer. Please lift up the nation of Israel’s Prime Minister. In this most important role, he needs to hear from God Almighty on how to help arrive at the right conclusions about a matter, that his evaluations are based upon truth and justice and that in his determination to resolve the problems the tiny nation faces, that he will turn his face in the right direction (upward) to come to the wisest resolution in whatever conflict situation he faces. Our prayers can make a difference for him.

“Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians...” (Daniel 6:8).

With Israel always, seemingly, being in the eye of some storm around her from neighboring Arab countries, it is time to lift our arms in the same direction as Moses did when he interceded for Israel. Aaron and Hur held up his arms while he prayed and interceded for Israel. Often seen by the media, as a “crabby Netanyahu...the party pooper who barks in his raspy voice that Iran’s Rouhani is only buying time from the West until Iran can test a nuclear bomb—and that the Iranian leader is a duplicitous ‘wolf in sheep’s clothing’ Benjamin Netanyahu seemed grating [on] his audiences” (unitycoalitionforisrael.org/news). Because Prime Minister Netanyahu has taken a look, not through rose-colored glasses, but instead, clearly sees the tactics of the enemy, he is belittled and rebuffed at times by the world press.

•**Pray** that Israel’s Prime Minister not be afraid to establish a decree that Israel will not bow to the enemy and their Islamic god. Even though “religion” is not spoken of in government circles today, Israel’s Prime Minister does believe in the Bible and in fact,

holds a Bible study every week with other spiritual and political leaders present. Pray that he will be a voice in the wilderness of the world press not willing to compromise the safety of the prophetic nation of Israel: his People (Daniel 6:8 above).

• **Plead** with God that the enemy not try to bring about a disastrous preemptory war to disarm Iran unless the leadership has heard from God. Once they know the Master of the Universe: the God of Israel, then He will give the victory on a strike against Iran to disarm her. There is no room for any margin of error in this nuclear destruction of the State of Israel equation. If Israel's future is at risk, then as the nation's leader, he must hear from God. Please pray him through a possible apocalyptic situation which everyone feels could bring about a disastrous outcome involving widespread destruction and irreparable devastation to the tiny nation. Rejoice in God's promises of Jeremiah 31:5: *"Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever."*

• **Intercede** as the Prime Minister speaks during Knesset sessions that his audience will look past his political party to his heart. Netanyahu stated recently that "Iran is an economy on the verge of collapse as a result of sanctions...and that the Palestinians recognition of Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state is imperative to the peace process." As with the High Priests during Temple times, I believe he has been anointed by God to do a job and he must do it well to succeed. Please pray for him daily.

• **Thank God** for his tenacity in declaring at the opening of the Knesset winter session, that "Israel will not allow Iran to obtain nuclear weapons."

• **Pray that the world** recognizes that "a nuclear Iran is a danger to the whole world and destabilizes the region" (President Shimon Peres).

HEADLINES: 900 Bnei Menashe allowed to Return to Israel (Unity Coalition for Israel)

God is so wonderful because in the midst of storms all around, He often shows Himself strong to the Jewish people. "On Sunday morning (14 October 2013), the Government of Israel unanimously passed the resolution allowing another 900 members of the Lost Tribe of Bnei Menashe home from India to Zion. Michael Freund (Chairman of Shavei Israel) said 'Under the terms of the decision we will bring the first 200 people to Israel before the end of December, followed by 400 people next year and 300 in 2015...After 2,700 years, the return to Zion of a Lost tribe of Israel continues."

"Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people. (Deuteronomy 32:43) "...rejoice ye Gentiles with His People" (Romans 15:10).



Michael Freund with Bnei Menashe children

• **Joyfully praise the Lord** for carrying out His Word for Israel to bring all the Jewish people home from the ends of the earth. Thank God for our Jewish friend, Mr. Michael Freund, who is spearheading the campaign with the government of Israel to return the sons of those who were scattered.

• **Pray** that Christians in the nations will "hear the word of the Lord" and know that He who scattered Israel will (and is) gathering Him (Israel). Now everyone has a unique opportunity to become involved in what God is doing among His Chosen people today. As he brings home His People from the four corners of the earth, thousands come to the CFI Distribution Center for help and assistance upon entering the Land. Financial help is welcome as our needs are greater than anyone can realize. See Project Open Gates at www.cfjjerusalem.org.

Notice: I apologize for the lateness of the Watchman's Prayer Letter this month as I have been travelling abroad to Latin America teaching on Israel and the Church. Our reception was marvelous and I would ask for prayer from 28 October through 13 December as I travel to the Far East. Please pray for me, because my schedule is a heavy load to carry without many of you lifting me up on wings as eagles, in order to renew my youth and strength. Also, please pray for CFI Jerusalem as we search for a building or property for the ministry's future. Should anyone be an investor or business person desiring to invest in God's Kingdom work and in property in Jerusalem, please email me.

Until He Comes,

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