

ISAIAH 62 PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL

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Introduction

This booklet, *Isaiah 62 Prayers for Israel*, was written to complement an excellent devotional called *The Heart of God for Israel* (“*Heart of God*”) published by the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri (“IHOP-KC”). In 2023, when IHOP-KC launched a 21 day global fast based on Isaiah 62, it also suggested that *Heart of God* be used as a prayer guide during those 21 days.

As an Israeli Messianic Jewish prayer leader in Jerusalem, I felt it would be valuable to supplement *Heart of God* specifically for Israeli intercessors to use during the 21 day fast. This became my reason for writing *Isaiah 62 Prayers for Israel* (“*Isaiah 62 Prayers*”). However, seasoned intercessors for Israel who are neither Israeli nor Jewish can also benefit much from *Isaiah 62 Prayers*.

Isaiah 62 Prayers focuses each day, for 21 days, on a different verse or phrase from Isaiah 62. Covering all of Isaiah 62, the booklet also corresponds to the same weekly theme and daily topic of *Heart of God*. Therefore, the two complement each other for purposes of the Isaiah 62 global fast.

Because *Isaiah 62 Prayers* complements *Heart of God*, the verses of Isaiah 62 do not always appear in sequential order. I encourage all who read and use *Isaiah 62 Prayers* during the global fast to also read *Heart of God* at the same time. Both booklets designate Day 1, Day 2, Day 3, and so on; therefore, they are easy to coordinate.

Most of the prayers in *Isaiah 62 Prayers* are written in the first person grammatically. This is because Israeli believers will be praying them personally first, and after that, in intercession. For the same reason, and because I live in Jerusalem, many prayers for Jerusalem are also written in the first person. (For example, “we and our people” would be used rather than “they and their people.”)

Intercessors from the nations will notice that many prayers contain confessions of Israel’s national sins. This is because *Isaiah 62 Prayers* was written primarily for Israelis. Please do not allow these confessions to stir anti-Israel or anti-Jewish sentiment in your heart. We Israelis have a unique intercessory role to confess the sins of our people, the same as Christians in other nations are responsible to confess the sins of their nations in prayer.

For purposes of *Isaiah 62 Prayers*, I use the word “Zion” to refer to Israel as a nation and not solely to Jerusalem. This is not inconsistent with the biblical use of “Zion.” All Isaiah 62 verses, and most other Scriptures quoted here, are from the New King James Version.

Isaiah 62 Prayers for Israel may be freely copied and used by others in Israel and other nations.

Be richly blessed as you read, pray and engage anew with God’s Word and heart!

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Week 1: God's Love Towards Israel

Day 1 (Day 31 of the Omer, 7 May 2023)

Verse 1 (a) *"For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace."*

Father of Creation, You have loved me, and all Israel, with an everlasting love. You are worthy of all my heart's affection and adoration. Yet You Yourself are the One who ignites in my soul the fire of holy passion for You. You are the One who fans flames of ardent desire for You. May Your love so burn within me, Abba, that Your desires become mine. Then will I love You with all my heart, soul and strength, and love others as myself. Then will the unquenchable fire of Your love burn through me to ignite Your people Israel.

Personally and as an act of intercession for Israel, I return to my first love and reconsecrate my heart to Yours. Show me where I may need to reset my heartbeat to resonate with Yours. I ask You to sync its rhythm to the rhythms of heaven. Grant me the gracious gift of conviction during this 21 day fast to align more fully with Your purposes for my life. Let this be for and toward that day when all Israel will be saved.

My fast for Zion's sake, O God, is ultimately for Your sake. It is for the sake of Your incomparable Name and fame being displayed in heaven and earth, through Zion, according to the glory of Your will. It is for the sake of Yeshua receiving the full inheritance for which He came to earth and died, and now eagerly awaits His own return. It is for the sake of the joy of Your heart and His when Your beloved Israel opens her heart in utter surrender to You. For this, Lover of my Soul, I will not hold my peace.

Bless, direct, empower and protect each of my brothers and sisters in Yeshua joining in this fast from Israel and the nations. Teach us to pray according to Your words of truth. Unite us in pure and sincere love as one new humanity in a new synergy of Your Spirit. Let it be so for Zion's sake, for Your sake!

Thank You for inclining Your ear to my prayer and responding in Your boundless grace.

Day 2 (Day 32 of the Omer, 8 May 2023)

Verse 2 (a) *"The Gentiles shall see Your righteousness and all kings your glory."*

YHVH, You created me for love. Your majestic yet tender love calls forth righteousness in me, transforming me and inspiring still greater love. May this soon be so for all Israel.

You desire righteousness in Zion so she might share holy, intimate and infinite, fellowship with You. You patiently, yet passionately, await the day when love fellowship is restored not just with a remnant within her, but with all Israel as a truly righteous nation. Through her, You desire to display Your righteousness to the Gentiles and showcase Your glory to all kings. Because Your heart yearns no less for them than for Zion, by the righteousness of Yeshua, this wonderous reality already unfolds. May it increase and may the day of its fulfillment be hastened!

Loving Abba, grant me – and grant all Israel --- the gracious gift of conviction of sin unto righteousness. Forgive us of our lovelessness, pride, unbelief and bend toward unrighteousness. Forgive us for thinking You do not exist, or have forsaken and rejected us. Open the eyes of our hearts so we may see that it is we who have collectively rejected You and Your beloved Son. In Yeshua's Name, heal us with the medicine of Your love. Let it saturate deep to rouse our desire for true righteousness, holiness and love-driven obedience that comes by faith.

Let all nations see the dazzling miracle of Your righteousness and glory manifest in Israel, so they, too, may be drawn deeper and deeper into Your heart. As You draw in the Gentiles, lovingly open the eyes of their hearts to see the blessing, for their sake and Yours, of aligning in love with Israel. Let this, too, cause the unparalleled glory of Your righteousness to explode on earth!

Thank You for hearing my cries and moving on behalf of all Your people.

Day 3 (Day 33 of the Omer, 9 May 2023)

Verse 2(b) "You shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will name."

Thank You, Yeshua, for the new name You will graciously give Zion, reflecting our identity as a mercifully and fully redeemed and restored people, serving You in love. Allow me to discern and call forth our new and true identity in prayer, in personal relationships and in tangible deeds. I pray the same for multitudes of Christians around the world.

By Your mercies, please break the power of derogatory names for Israel and the Jews which some Gentiles have used through the millennia. Forgive those who have called Your people by such names and heal each of Your people harmed by those names.

In the all-powerful Name of Yeshua, I bless and declare Israel to be, as Your Word decrees: "a great nation;" "a people holy to the Lord ... His people, His treasured possession;" "a nation apart and ... not like other nations;" "the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord and sought out," "Hephzibah and Beulah" (Genesis 12:3; Deuteronomy 7:6; Numbers 23:9 [TLV]; Isaiah 62:4,12).

Yeshua, You said that amid birth pains preceding Your return, those who follow You are to look up, for our redemption draws near. So in the shakings of this transitional era, I look up at Your radiant face. I lock my eyes with Yours, which blaze with love for Zion. On my knees, I purpose to be intentional about seeing shakings and birth pains around me through Your eyes. Help me focus on You and what You are doing with Israel, rather than on what Satan is doing or trying to do with Israel. Help me to prayerfully call forth what You are doing. I ask You to raise up and equip millions of intercessors in the nations to do the same.

Today, as Israel observes the traditional holiday of Lag b'Omer, a day involving the worship of dead rabbis, mercifully turn her to worship the Resurrected Rabbi of eternal life. Please reveal to her that Yeshua is the only Name given to us by which we must be saved.

Thank You for accepting the pleas of my heart and for responding in loving kindness to each of them.

Day 4 (Day 34 of the Omer, 10 May 2023)

Verse 3 *“You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.”*

Majestic Master, surely Your heart will thrill when Zion becomes, by and in Your hand, a crown of glory, a royal diadem. I praise and magnify You for Your wondrous ways with her. You are lifting our struggling and spiritually lost nation to unimaginably dazzling heights! I bless and say “amen” to what You are doing.

As a crown or diadem represents royal authority, may all the royal authority You have decreed for Israel come to fullness, in its time and without delay, for the sake of the glory of Your Name. You who dwell in regal splendor, dispense hope from heaven to Israel that You will surely bring this to pass.

For Zion’s sake and Yours, I stand in the royal authority Yeshua has graciously stewarded to me and declare from Your prophetic Word: *Israel, you will surely be lifted up by the hand of God, your only King. He will transform you once more from “Jacob,” one who struggles with God and man, to the fullness of “Israel,” Prince with God.*

And now I pray, my King, for the governing authorities of Israel to align with the decrees of Your Word, even this day. Consume them with longing for Your Word, so they will search for it as for hidden treasure. Gift them with the fear of the Lord, for it is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge. In Your merciful love, show them Your Salvation. Raise up leaders in Zion who seek Your royal leadership. Cause Your face to shine on them. May Your favor surround them as a shield. Under Your crowning glory, guard them from enemy attack in every realm.

Thank You that by Your grace, my prayers are received in heaven and move Your heart.

Day 5 (Day 35 of the Omer, 11 May 2023)

Verse 4 "You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah ["My delight is in you"] and your land Beulah ["Married"], for the Lord delights in you and your land shall be married."

Creator of All Things, You have granted us stewardship of land that is uniquely precious to You. You harbor tender love for this land and even have compassion on it. On my knees and on behalf of my people, I thank You for the honor of living in this land.

Let us never worship the land, but let the land summon us to worship You, its true Owner. Remind us by Your Spirit that how we relate to the land reflects how we relate to You. The life of the land flows from the life we graciously have in You.

In Yeshua's Name I re-dedicate the land, the literal ground of Zion, to serve its Creator. I bless the land as married, for His delight.

As in ancient times, we depend on You, O God, to provide rain for our land. I ask You to water our dry and thirsty ground. Provide for our crops and sustain us, for Your Name's sake. Open the heavens and pour down Your mercies. Thank You for the wonder-working water technologies You have shown and given to Israel. May all praise for this go to You.

Creator of heaven and earth, I petition You to release to Israel all the land You want us to have, now and in times ahead. Judea and Samaria, with its altars of holy covenant from long ago, still lie in the hands of those who plot our destruction. Deliver Your land to Your people and deliver Your people to Your land, according to Your will and Your ways. Let Your justice prevail for all who dwell in Judea and Samaria, both Arabs and Jews. Protect the land and people from destruction and death by enemy attack. Do not allow, O God, the peoples to wrongly divide up Your land. Protect the borders of Israel by the overpowering Blood of Yeshua.

Concerning Jewish people still scattered in the nations, summon them home to the land in *aliyah*. Provide all they need in every respect so they can stay in the land and marry it. Remove the unjust prohibition against *aliyah* for Jews who believe in Jesus. Bless all who make *aliyah* to the land so that even more importantly, they would make *aliyah* to the Lord.

Thank You for answering my requests according to Your ways that are greater than mine.

Day 6 (Day 36 of the Omer, 12 May 2023)

Verse 5(a) *“For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you.”*

Healer and Redeemer, I thank You that You will mercifully restore us as a people, despite our national sin, to a virgin-like state. On my knees, I thank You for redeeming me personally from my sins. Thank You for never tiring of forgiving me or healing my wounds. You who dwell between the cherubim, please do the same for all Israel!

Heal Zion, I pray, and deliver her from the bondage of sin. By Your tender mercies, cleanse us of our wounds, long festering and infected. Mend our soul from millennia of anti-Semitism. Comfort Your people, O God. Apply to us the purifying power of the Blood of Yeshua. Cause Israel to be as a virgin once more, unstained, untainted in Your eyes.

As You purify Israel, purify as a virgin Your beloved ekklesia in the nations from the scourge of anti-Semitism. Expose and heal wounds she has sustained from her historical embrace of replacement theology and other erroneous, anti-Jewish teachings. Deliver her from the curse of cursing the sons and daughters of Jacob. For she cursed us in ignorance, not knowing what she were doing.

Call forth from Your ekklesia, I pray, millions around the world who will arise in the opposite spirit of the historical Church regarding the Jews. Breathe on them revival winds of intercession for Israel’s restoration. In Yeshua’s Name, I release blessings of Your shalom and prosperity on every Christian contending in prayer and fasting for Israel these 21 days.

Thank You for receiving my petition in the courts of heaven and rendering Your perfect response.

Day 7 (Day 37 of the Omer, 13 May 2023)

Verse 5(b) *"And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you."*

How resplendent the day when You rejoice over Israel as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride! Your heart beats expectantly and fervently for that long-awaited union. Even now, Yeshua, You cherish and graciously groom as Your bride the Messianic remnant of Israel who follows You wherever You go. Thank You, my Coming Bridegroom-King!

Change my heart, I pray, so that I see every brother and sister in Messiah as Your treasured bride for whom You are jealous. Reveal to me any resentment I may harbor over any offenses, real or imagined, I have sustained by any of them. I now release that resentment to You. I forgive them, even as You have forgiven me. Secure me – and all Your Israeli Messianic bride -- in Your wraparound love as a shield against offense. Teach me by Your Spirit to prefer my brothers and sisters over myself and to seek their good above my own. For in loving them as You love them, I express my love for You.

Yeshua, teach us as Your bride in Israel, to live in the harmony and unity for which You Yourself prayed. Let there be genuine, love-driven reconciliation wherever it is needed among us: between Jewish and Arab believers; between different theological camps; between immigrants and sabras; between the generations; and more.

In Yeshua's Name, may dew from heaven refresh our minds and hearts to different theological truths You reveal to different ones of Your bride. May ancient rifts be resolved in Your bride between the physical and spiritual descendants of Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau. May we learn to cherish the young and old among us, nurturing and esteeming them as You do. May those born in the land welcome Messianic Jews making *aliyah*. May Messianic immigrants honor those of Your bride born in Zion.

Shepherd of Israel, please raise up Messianic leaders in Israel to serve as shepherds after Your own heart. Empower them to seek and to save the lost. Teach them how to groom Your bride as You groom her. Protect them and provide for their needs. Be with them and mature them through the inevitable difficulties of ministry leadership. Take them personally into Your bridal chamber and lovingly encourage them. Equip them to help Your bride make herself ready for You.

Thank You for hearing and accepting my supplications before Your throne of grace.

Week 2: God's Covenants with Israel

Day 8 (Day 38 of the Omer, 14 May 2023)

Verse 8(a) *"The Lord has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength."*

Covenant Keeping God, through the ages You have been faithful to Your Word, but we, Israel, have not. I humble myself, pray, seek Your face and turn from my wicked ways. I plead for our people and our land. O my God, incline Your ear and hear from heaven. Open Your eyes and see our need of You. I come before You and present my supplications, not because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, respond for the sake of Your covenant faithfulness and Your holy name!

Ever-Faithful One, with eternal thanksgiving I personally take to heart the blessing of Your unconditional covenant with my forefathers and mothers. I acknowledge it is not mere happenstance that today, May 14, marks the day of Israel's national rebirth. In truth, it is a mark of Your faithfulness to Your own unconditional promise. When You swear by Your right hand and engage the arm of Your strength, nothing in heaven or earth prevails against You.

As the Feast of Shavuot (Weeks/Pentecost) approaches, when Jews around the world celebrate the marriage-like covenant You gave at Sinai, please reveal to them the reality of Your covenant-keeping nature. Stir longing in Israel for personal and intimate, not abstract and theoretical, relationship with You. Arouse godly jealousy, I pray, for experiential intimacy with You as expressed by, in and through Your ekklesia.

As I fast before You these 21 days, I ask You to reveal to Christians around the world the unconditional nature of Your covenant with the sons and daughters of Jacob. Downpour on them a spirit of grace and supplication, that they would intercede for the fulfillment of Your covenant promises to Israel. Show them You do not love or esteem them any less (or more) than You love or esteem Israel. Bless them as they pray for Israel, according to Your covenant promise to bless those who bless Israel.

Thank You for inclining Your ear toward my prayer and responding in Your boundless grace.

Day 9 (Day 39 of the Omer, 15 May 2023)

Verse 8(b) *“Surely I will no longer give your grain as food for your enemies; and the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine for which you have labored.”*

Shield and Defender of Israel, thank You for sustaining me through the trials of life and working those trials for good. According to Your covenant promise, You have mercifully done the same for Israel throughout our history. You have been our Refuge and our Rescue in times of trouble. And now, in Yeshua’s Name and for His Name’s sake, I ask You to sustain us in severe trials that lie ahead. Work those trials for good. Use even our enemies, Sovereign God, to bring us as a nation to our knees before You.

By Your covenant mercies, cause us to beseech You as the only Israeli Defense Force worthy of our trust. I declare from Your Word: *Israel, trust not in horses or chariots, sophisticated weapons or defense systems, but trust in the Lord our God! As we trust in Him, no weapon formed against us will prosper. He is our defense; we will not be moved.*

God of Heaven’s Armies, protect us from those who seek our destruction. See how they are astir and how with cunning, they conspire against Your people. Reveal to our government, defense and security agents the plans of those who aim to annihilate us, posturing themselves as Your enemies. As in times past, divinely frustrate their evil schemes. When Your enemies attack us, use it for good.

Anoint and protect every Israeli soldier as in times of old. Display through them Your sovereign might so You alone receive the glory in Israel and the nations.

In Yeshua’s Name, I ask that in trials which lie ahead, the least amount of harm will occur to bring about the greatest good. As You defend Your people, let multitudes in Iran, in Islamist terror groups, and in all anti-Israel alliances behold Your manifest glory. Captivate them with Your love. May multitudes among them turn to You, O God of Israel, and may a great harvest result among them.

Preserve and prosper us so that, as You have decreed, we might “drink new wine for which [we] have labored.” Let the new wine flow in supernatural as well as natural realms!

Thank You for hearing my cries and for moving on behalf of Your own glory.

Day 10 (Day 40 of the Omer, 16 May 2023)

Verse 9 *“But those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts.”*

Holy One of Israel, I praise You for the covenant blessing of togetherness and unity implicit in this verse. On my knees, I cry out to You on account of the unprecedented discord and disunity in our land. For Zion’s sake for Your sake, forgive us for the hatred and rage of brother against brother besetting our nation. Mercifully remind us how good and pleasant it is when Your people dwell together in unity, for there the oil of blessing flows. There You bestow life forevermore.

In Yeshua’s Name, let God arise and let His enemies be scattered who stir civil unrest in Israel, thus hoping for her destruction. Your Word says You despise those who intentionally sow discord among brothers, so deal with Your enemies according to Your justice. Break the evil power of rebel rousers from the nations. Yet give even them merciful opportunity to turn and serve You as Lord.

I ask You, Abba, to use the remnant of Jewish, Arab and other Israeli followers of Jesus to display and release in Zion genuine unity based on holy love. Let us be for a sign and a wonder in the land. Through us unveil to Israel the miracle of one new humanity: Jew and Gentile as one in Yeshua, Israel’s Savior and King.

According to Your covenant-based decree, and in the authority of the Name of Yeshua, I declare to Israel what You have said through the prophet Ezekiel: YHVH is joining us *together* to become one in His hand. He is gathering us *together* from across the earth and bringing us back to our land. He is making us *one* nation in the land, under *one* King. Never again will we be divided into two kingdoms, for YHVH will be our God and save us from our sins. As He decreed through Moses, I prophetically declare over Israel: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Together* we shall drink of the goodness of God in His holy courts.

Thank You, my King, for accepting the pleas of my heart based on Your decrees.

Day 11 (Day 41 of the Omer, 17 May 2023)

Verse 10(a) *“Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people.”*

Ancient of Days, You have graciously opened for us gates, both new and old, for Your covenant restoration of Israel. I ask You now to open ancient gates, specifically of righteousness, for the next, new phase of Israel’s promised restoration. I prophetically proclaim in the Name of Yeshua, *Lift up your heads, O you gates ... and the King of Glory shall come in!* I ask You to post angelic and human keepers at these gates who will prove faithful to Your covenant and help prepare the way of righteousness for the people.

Bless our gate keepers with hearts to seek righteousness as in days of old. Anoint them in their appointed realms of religion, government, security and defense, finance, education, media, agriculture, industry, science, health care, high tech, the arts, housing, transportation and every other realm of society.

As You open gates of righteousness, please, my God, raise up prophets in Israel as in days of old. Anoint them to expose unrighteousness and to prepare a new way of righteousness. Grant them access to the gate keepers You appoint. Prepare the way for them to serve together.

I also ask You to open gates of understanding and fervent prayer for Israel in Your ekklesia around the world. Raise up gatekeepers of intercession for Israel in every tribe and nation. Anoint prophets around the globe to beckon their own people to go through new-old gates, contending in love for Zion’s sake, for Your Name’s sake.

For You do not want the Church to be “ignorant of this mystery” that “blindness in part” has happened to Israel “until the *fullness*” of the Gentiles has come in – and *in this way* (according to the Greek) all Israel will be saved, for that is Your “covenant with them” (Romans 11:25-26). Revealer of Mysteries, teach Your beloved Church how to attain to fullness and prepare the way for Israel to be saved.

Thank You that by Your grace, my prayers are received in heaven and move Your heart and hand.

Day 12 (Day 42 of the Omer, 18 May 2023)

Verse 10(b) *“Build up, build up the highway!
Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples!”*

Lord My Banner, You Yourself have prepared the way for the peoples, for You Yourself are the Way. You Yourself are our Banner, exalted and lifted high. Since in Your Word the plural “peoples” often means not just Israel, but the nations, I bless Your covenant purposes for all peoples on earth. I bless Your international ekklesia as inheritors of all the covenant blessings You promise them.

On my knees, I ask Your forgiveness if I, as a Messianic Jew, have personally harbored offense against the peoples, and in particular, Gentile believers. Heal and restore my heart as only You can and desire to do. Forgive me and use me, I pray, to humbly serve my brothers and sisters in Messiah in the nations.

I wholeheartedly bless Your beloved ekklesia with the very things I may have felt I needed from them. If I have personally felt misunderstood or misjudged by Gentile believers, please give me Your heart of understanding for them. If I have personally felt rejected by them, I bless them with experiential knowledge of their full acceptance in the Beloved. If I have personally felt inferior to Gentile believers, I bless them with every spiritual blessing in Messiah Jesus. If I have personally felt less loved than Gentile believers, I bless them with experiential knowledge of the height, depth and breadth of Your ineffable love for them. If I have ever felt You enjoy Gentile believers more than You enjoy me as a Jewish believer, I bless them with experiential knowledge of Your delight and joy in how they are fearfully and wonderfully made.

May all these blessings be to them as a banner lifted high. May that banner signal to them a new and high way to You. May it build up highways in natural as well as supernatural realms for the fullness of the Gentiles. And if I have ever caused Gentile believers to feel “less than” in any way because they are not Jewish, please show me and forgive me.

As Gentile believers in the nations grow to their full stature in Messiah, I ask You to raise up millions among them to pray and fast for Israel. Show us how to co-operate and co-labor as one new humanity for her salvation. May our love for one another as Gentiles and Jews testify that You, Yeshua, are in truth her Messiah.

Thank You for answering my requests according to Your wondrous ways.

Day 13 (Day 43 of the Omer, 19 May 2023)

Verse 11 *“Indeed the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world: ‘Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him and His work [many English versions use the word “recompense”] before Him.’”*

God of my Salvation, I revel in Your goodness and exalt Your excellence! Thank You for the New Covenant You gave to Israel, different from the covenant You made with our forefathers, but a new heart covenant in which You Yourself write the law on our hearts. Thank You that by Your New Covenant, You restore us to relationship with You, undeserving as we are. Thank You that Your New Covenant is stupendously accessible not only to Israel, but to all nations on earth.

And now, Yeshua, I ask You to inspire multitudes of Your followers to the ends of the earth to not just pray, but to proclaim to Zion that in You, Salvation is coming and Your reward is with You. Firebrand a myriad of hearts in Your Church, compelling them to speak of You -- sensitively yet boldly -- to Jewish people worldwide.

Author of Truth, please break any deception off my Christian brothers and sisters that causes some to believe Jews can be saved apart from grace by faith in Yeshua. Expose this theological error, I pray. Do not allow it to cause Christian lovers of Israel to shrink from sharing the gospel with Israel. Remind Your Church that Yeshua told the Jews of His day He alone is the way, truth and life, and that no one comes to the Father but by Him.

Let a new “Yes” arise in Your ekklesia to Your call to provoke Israel to jealousy for her Messiah. Let this now include sharing -- gently but forthrightly -- the good news of salvation in You, our only Messiah. May the fire of Your love burn away any fear of the Jews, fear of offense or fear of political incorrectness.

Lord of the Harvest, please send to us laborers from the nations, even as You are raising up laborers from Zion. Anoint Jewish and Gentile evangelists to co-operate and co-labor in sowing and reaping a “bumper crop” of Israeli souls. For this Your heart has long yearned. Therefore I declare, let it be so!

Thank You for hearing my supplications and making them acceptable before You.

Day 14 (Day 44 of the Omer, 20 May 2023)

Verse 12(a) *“And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord...”*

God of Compassion, when You move in power, You do not exclude the weak and needy or those who are marginalized by men. The weak and needy in Zion, including the disenfranchised, shall also be called “Holy” and “Redeemed of the Lord.” I lift to Your throne of grace each of the weak and needy in Israel: the many peaceable but wrongly suffering Israeli Arab, Druze, and Bedouin peoples; the poor; widows and orphans; the unborn, especially those about to be aborted; the elderly, the sick, injured and handicapped; those in prison; victims of terror or war and their families; Messianic Jews who are persecuted for their faith; and others for whom You have great compassion.

Merciful Redeemer, Your irrevocable gifts and calling on Israel include the weak and needy among her. Encourage them that despite their plight, they shall be a holy people, redeemed of the Lord. Draw near to each in their distress and soothe them by Your Spirit. Vindicate their cause. Deliver them from their oppressors and heal their wounds. In Yeshua’s Name, let justice from heaven roll forth as a river on behalf of those grieving in Zion. Reveal to them Your Salvation.

I declare over the weak and needy what You have decreed for them in Your Word: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Forgive us, O God, to the extent we have neglected the weak and the needy. Show us how to care for their needs and how to strengthen them. Provide for us the resources necessary to attain social justice in Israel. Transform us together as we become, by Your covenant mercy and grace, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord.”

Thank You for receiving my petition in the courts of heaven and showing Yourself strong on our behalf.

Week 3: God's Love for Jerusalem

Day 15 (Day 45 of the Omer, 21 May 2023)

Verse 1(b) *“And for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest...”*

God of Israel, You have sovereignly chosen to set Your Name YHVH -- Your very identity and divine character --in Jerusalem (1 Kings 5:5, 8:20, 29). There You will dwell in glory, reigning over the earth. Until that day when You establish Your resting place in Jerusalem, I will not rest before You.

As You urge Your people to do, I pray for the peace of Jerusalem. I ask You to reveal Yourself as Prince of Peace to the Jews, Arabs and foreigners who even now earnestly seek Your face in Jerusalem. Captivate their hearts with the beauty of Your *shalom*, the fullness and wholeness of restored spirit and soul. Usher them into the peace of Your salvation.

Mercifully shield the city physically from all violent assault. Guard those assigned to guard Jerusalem. I ask You to post angelic peace keepers in the streets of Jerusalem. Reveal and thwart terror attacks, planned daily by those posturing themselves against You. As nations prey for the piece of Jerusalem, do not allow their plans to divide her to succeed.

I pray for my Messianic Jewish, Arab Christian and other brothers and sisters from the nations whom You have called to live or serve in Jerusalem. Daily fill and refill them with Your Spirit; immerse them in Your boundless, intimate love; be a protection of peace about them; and equip them for fruitful ministry.

Yeshua, as Jerusalem goes through shaking upon shaking before Your return, be a wall of fire around her. As the city shakes, forgive me for any unconfessed critical or otherwise wrongful attitude I have harbored toward her on account of those in governing authority in Jerusalem. Do not let my love grow cold for Your city. According to Your Word, I bless and pray for all those in authority in Jerusalem.

Maintain or raise up the authorities in Jerusalem whom You desire to govern Israel for Your end times purposes. Protect each one and grant them the gift of the fear of the Lord, for it is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom. Mercifully give them grace to turn in full surrender to You.

I acknowledge, O God, that to pray for Jerusalem’s sake is to pray for Your sake. You are the One who has placed Your Name within her. You are the One who has chosen her in infinite love. You are the One yearning to establish the rule and reign of Yeshua within her, merging heaven and earth in Jerusalem, to Your glorious delight.

Thank You, Lord God, for the privilege of praying for the desires of Your heart.

Day 16 (Day 46 of the Omer, 22 May 2023)

Verse 1(c) “...Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness
and her salvation as a lamp that burns.”

King of Righteousness, thank You for sharing with me the dazzling dream of Your heart, the glory of salvation blazing in brilliance from Jerusalem across the earth. The vision-dream of Your heart thrills my own. For this dream, which will surely come true, I call forth righteousness and salvation in and from Jerusalem, in Yeshua’s Name.

Let the atoning power of the Blood of Yeshua, shed in what is today the ground of Jerusalem, speak louder than the blood of Abel over the city. Let it break chokeholds of unrighteousness, past and present, in Jerusalem. Let there be a sprinkling in the Spirit of the Blood of Messiah to free the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the bondage of any religious traditions of men that may not please You. Pour upon Jerusalem, even now, a spirit of grace and supplication, that we might yearn from deep within our collective soul for Your salvation.

As a Jerusalemite, I declare before You: *Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! I bow low and welcome You, Righteous Yeshua, to Your Jerusalem, City of the Great King. Maranatha, my Savior and my King!*

Yeshua, as Jerusalem turns to You, let there be, as Your Word says, life from the dead. Ignite Jerusalem as a blazing torch of salvation in Your hand. Let her fire spread to all Israel and all nations, unpacking for them unparalleled treasures.

Raise up evangelists from Jerusalem to traverse the earth, preaching good news in the glory-light of Zion and dynamite-power of Your Spirit. Impart revelation to the Church worldwide of the blessing which awaits them when Salvation goes forth from Jerusalem. Propel them in the fire of Your unquenchable love to pray fervidly for that day.

Thank You for hearing my cries and moving on behalf of the peoples.

Day 17 (Day 47 of the Omer, 23 May 2023)

Verse 6(a) "...I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem..."

On my knees, I thank You for setting me as a watchman on the walls of Jerusalem. Thank You that in these last days, You have joined me to a global company of watchmen for Your city. Thank You for the loving stance, support and synergy of Christians in the nations who fast and pray for Jerusalem. In the Name and for the sake of Yeshua, King of Jerusalem, I ask You to add to their numbers daily. Sound a trumpet call that will awaken millions -- especially the young -- to fast, watch and pray. Bless them boundlessly as You set them in place and as they take their posts.

Keeper of Israel, align us on the walls of Jerusalem by the strategies of heaven. As watchmen, grace us to keep our eyes on You, for You Yourself keep watch over Jerusalem. As we watch You and what You are doing with the city, I ask that Your protection and anointing rest powerfully on each of us.

I pray especially for three groups of watchmen who watch inside the literal city of Jerusalem. First, I lift up to You all who literally stand on the physical stone walls of Jerusalem to keep watch over her, including Israeli security forces who may or may not yet know Yeshua. Second, would You remember those watchmen in the Spirit who worship Yeshua and literally live or serve, or both, in literal Jerusalem. Third, I pray for the spiritual leaders of Your ekklesia in the literal city of Jerusalem.

Grant each of these watchmen whom You have posted physically in Jerusalem an abundance of peace as last days shakings occur. Shelter each one in Your embrace. Hide them from Your enemies. Assign watching, warring angels to them. Anoint them with power and perseverance. Grant them revelatory gifts to see what You are doing and prophetic gifts to tell others what You want them to say. Position and connect each of Your watchmen in the literal city by divine strategy.

In Yeshua's Name, I bless the recently launched initiative in which Jerusalem area pastors and congregations now pray over their city 24/7/365. In Your hands, with Your protection and anointing, may this initiative prosper in every way.

Thank You for accepting the pleas of my heart according to Your Word.

Day 18 (Day 48 of the Omer, 24 May 2023)

Verse 6(b) *“They shall never hold their peace, day or night.
You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent and give Him no rest... “*

Lord of All, Your heart is so aflame with zeal for Jerusalem’s destiny that You want Your lovers continually agreeing with You for it. You instruct me not to keep silent, but to remind You day and night of this passion of Your own heart. Surely You do not forget the matter, but You want me mindful, day and night, of Your unceasing longing for Jerusalem.

You have chosen to satisfy Your longing only with the devotional participation of Your lovers who share in that longing. What a dazzling, almost dizzying honor, my Lord! I accept and say “Yes” to the divine invitation. Not by my might or power, but by Your Spirit, let it be so.

As these 21 days of prayer and fasting soon come to a close, I embrace Your lingering passions for Jerusalem. Grant grace, I ask, to all who have fasted and prayed these days for a renewed “Yes” in our collective soul for Jerusalem. By Your Spirit, our prayers for her will not cease after 21 days. On behalf of Jerusalem, collectively, we will give You no rest.

Do not allow us to grow weary in well doing, for as we watch and pray with You, You Yourself are our rest and our exceedingly great reward. Your joy becomes our strength.

Bless those who have cried relentlessly to You for Jerusalem for many years, even many decades. Renew their strength. May they soar on the wind of Your Spirit; may they run and not grow weary, walk and not faint.

And now I petition You, Soon Coming King, to visit millions more of those who make mention of You. Mark them for Jerusalem with a fiery coal from Your altar. Cause Your words for Jerusalem to burn in their bones. Let them never hold their peace concerning her. Let their voices resound in the heavens, day and night, night and day. As they cry to You, may they hear You cry over them: “Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her. Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her.” (Isaiah 66:10)

Thank You, Lord God, that our prayers are received in heaven and move Your heart.

Day 19 (Day 49 of the Omer, 25 May 2023)

Verse 6(c) and 7 “ ... *Till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*”

Lover of the Nations, Your dream for Jerusalem is so big because Your heart is so big for all humankind. You have destined Jerusalem to unlock and unleash Your praise in the earth as no other city will do. I extol the magnificence of Your ways, Your choosing of Jerusalem to forever bless all nations with Your praise.

Unveil, I pray, the mystery of the literal city of Jerusalem -- past, present and future -- to Your beloved ekklesia. May she wholeheartedly praise You as You make Jerusalem the perfect praise, not the persistent problem, of all the earth. We humbly acknowledge that this, only You can do.

Master Planner, You have said that You Yourself would build up Jerusalem. Also You have said that by the blessing of the righteous, a city is established. So I bless Your plans for the building up of Jerusalem. In the Name of Yeshua, I bless her authorities, her administrators and her people. I pray Your blessing over every building in Jerusalem, that it be established for Your everlasting praise.

Today as the nations contend for control over Jerusalem, I declare that which You have already decreed: *I [YHVH] have set My King on My holy hill in Zion. Jerusalem is the city of the Great King. You are a wall of fire around her, jealously preserving her for Yourself. When nations assemble against her, You make Jerusalem an immovable rock. Surely Jerusalem shall be a praise in the earth.* Therefore, my King, overtake those who would overtake Jerusalem, for in truth they set themselves against You and Your Anointed. May they turn to You, fear and serve You.

Honored and Exalted One, bless Jerusalem's body of believers in Yeshua to be, even now, a praise in the earth. Establish us in love and truth, humility and holiness. Bind our hearts and minds together in the unity for which Yeshua prayed. May our unity testify of Yeshua and release a spirit of unity that is deeply needed citywide. Fill us to overflowing with Your Spirit and send us throughout the earth as emissaries of Your eternal praise.

Thank You, my praiseworthy Lord, for Your answers to my requests.

Day 20 (Shavot/Feast of Weeks, 26 May 2023)

*“Count off seven weeks...then celebrate the Feast of Weeks...
at the place He will choose as a dwelling for His Name.” (Deuteronomy 16:9-11)*

*“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
And suddenly there came a sound from heaven ... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”
(Acts 2:1-3)*

Giver of Good Gifts, today on Shavuot (Feast of Weeks), I beseech You to encounter Your people gathered in Jerusalem to observe the appointed feast. See how many among them search and yearn for You. Remember Your Word, O God, that declares when any of us turn to You, a veil over our hearts is removed. Is it not time to remove the veil causing partial blindness over so many of Your people? Is it not time to show Jerusalem Your radiant face once again? Has not the time to favor her come?

See, my God, how in Jerusalem this day Your people celebrate the gift of Your Word: Your statutes, ordinances and commands. See how they love Your Torah. Let heaven take note that this day, Jerusalem remembers the marriage-like relationship You sealed with her. Hear our lovesick sigh for You, O God. You who have been a Husband to us, favor us once more, I pray.

Thank You that in Jerusalem on this day long ago, You gave the incomparable gift of Your indwelling Holy Spirit. Please oh please, pour out Your Spirit again in Your city! Revive us again! This Shavuot, reveal Messiah to many in Jerusalem. Restore to us signs and wonders that testify of Yeshua, for Jerusalem's sake, for Your sake.

Thank You that in pouring out Your Spirit on Shavuot (Pentecost), You birthed Your ekklesia, making Gentiles and Jews into one new humanity. With deep-down gratitude, I pray in agreement with the prayer of Yeshua that we may be one, just as You are One. I pray we may be made perfect in unity.

As Your Church soon celebrates Pentecost Sunday, revive her in the fullness of Your Spirit. Empower her to make disciples of all nations, to the praise of Your glorious grace. Anoint her to do a new thing -- to fast and pray for Israel as never before.

Thank You, my Lord, for accepting my supplications in the courts of heaven on this, Your appointed and special day.

Day 21 (27 May 2023)

Verse 12(b) *“And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”*

YHVH, in the authority You have given me by Your Spirit within me, I prayerfully proclaim and call forth the destiny You have decreed for Jerusalem in Your Word. By the power of Your Spirit, Your Word shall run swiftly. It shall not return to You void, but shall accomplish all You desire, when You desire and how You desire. For You have decreed and so I declare in Yeshua’s Name:

“[Jerusalem] ... is the city of the Great King.” (Matthew 5:35)

“The Lord has chosen Jerusalem; He has desired it for His dwelling place. This is [His] resting place forever; here [He] will dwell, for [He has] desired it.” (Psalm 132:13-14)

“The Lord had said, ‘In Jerusalem I will put My Name’.” (2 Kings 21:4)

“The name of the city ... shall be ‘The Lord is There.’” (Ezekiel 48:35)

“Jerusalem shall be called City of Truth, The Mountain of the Lord of Hosts, The Holy Mountain.” (Zechariah 8:3)

“Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord.” (Jeremiah 3:17)

“You shall be called The City of Righteousness, The Faithful City.” (Isaiah 1:26)

“Jerusalem [will be] a praise in the earth.” (Isaiah 62:7)

“This is the name by which [Jerusalem] will be called: “The Lord Our Righteousness.” (Jeremiah 33:16)

“Jerusalem [will be] The Holy City.” (Isaiah 52:1)

“My holy mountain [will be] Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 66:20)

“They shall call you the City of the Lord.” (Isaiah 60:14)

“[He] will make you an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations.” [Isaiah 60:15)

“Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is ... the city of the Great King.” (Psalm 48:2)

“Jerusalem shall be holy.” (Joel 3:17)

“The Lord will be to you everlasting light and your God your glory.” (Isaiah 60:19)

Jerusalem will be made glorious. (Isaiah 60:2,13)

Thank You, my Lord, for reviving Your truths, even for our day. Thank You for overpowering with Your blessings all who have fasted and prayed for Jerusalem these 21 days. Thank You for sealing in heaven all our prayers and petitions, praises and proclamations. In the Name of Yeshua, we collectively say, *“Amen.”*