



ISAIAH 62
PRAYER INITIATIVE

ICEJ DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING Wednesday April 25th, 2012

HEALING ANOINTING

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me..." (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Dear Prayer Partners,

This month as we pray again for Israel and the region, I want us to focus our prayers on a segment of Israel's population which has suffered more than any other. Many of the Holocaust survivors among us still suffer until today from the hardships and cruelty they went through some 70 years ago.

On Holocaust Remembrance Day last week, six survivors were honored to light torches at Yad Yashem to commemorate the six million Jews who were slaughtered during the Holocaust. Each survivor testified as to the tremendous pain and suffering they went through as children and teenagers under the Nazi regime. Some lost every single member of their families, even witnessing their parents and siblings dying in their arms. One lady survived an execution squad, with dead family members laying all over her.

These were but some of the stories of sheer horror, but on the other hand there are also miraculous stories of survival. Both experiences are burned in the memories of these precious survivors. All of the 200,000 Holocaust survivors still living in Israel today carry within them wounds which may never heal in their lifetimes.

Yet the prophet Isaiah speaks about the healing power of the divine anointing. It can heal those with broken hearts. It can console those who mourn in Zion and give beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:1-5). What a glorious promise! If there is one group of people who need this divine touch, it is the Holocaust survivors.

In this time when the entire nation of Israel remembers the victims and survivors of the Shoah, let us pray for them. Let us pray that this divine oil of supernatural restoration will be poured out upon them and even upon their families. Pray also for us at the ICEJ, that the anointing of the Holy Spirit will also rest upon us as we serve these dear people.

Also pray for Israel, as in the East another dark regime has arisen seeking to “wipe Israel off the map.” Iran’s growing nuclear threat brings back harrowing memories to a nation that managed to rise out of the ashes of the Holocaust. Israel today needs Godly wisdom on how to respond to this threat. Please pray with us for all the government leaders and decision makers in Israel.

Thank you again for joining us this month as we pray for the peace of Jerusalem.



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PRAYER POINTS FOR APRIL/MAY 2012

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1. PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

- **Holocaust Remembrance Day** – Last week Israel remembered the six million Jews slaughtered in the Nazi genocide. Many Holocaust survivors now living in Israel are struggling with extreme poverty and severe illnesses in old age. Pray that the ICEJ will be able to comfort and assist more Holocaust survivors as their numbers dwindle every day. Also pray that the world will never forget this unparalleled human tragedy, and never remain silent again to such hatred, racism and genocide.
- **Bnei Menashe** – The Israeli government is close to a decision on allowing the 7,000 Bnei Menashe in northeast India to make aliyah to Israel. Pray that these descendants of the tribe of Manasseh will finally be able to rejoin the Jewish people in their ancient homeland.
- **Independence Day** – As modern Israel celebrates its 64th year as an independent Jewish state on April 26th, let us join them in giving thanks for another year of His blessing and protection over the nation. Also, pray for the safety and prosperity of Israel in the year ahead.

2. PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

- **Egypt** – Egyptians will elect a successor to deposed president Hosni Mubarak in two stages of voting in May and June. Pray that the elections will be fair and without corruption, and that a leader will emerge committed to preserving peace with Israel.

- **Iran** – Pray that the renewed negotiations with the world's leading nations will result in Iran agreeing to halt all of its uranium enrichment activities, surrender its entire stockpile of enriched uranium, and comply with all Security Council resolutions and all its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.
 - **Syria** – Pray that the bloodshed in Syria would end quickly and that new leaders would emerge in Damascus who reject the Assad regime's alignment with Iran and Hizbullah, and instead seek peaceful relations with Israel.
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3. PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE ICEJ

- **Feast of Tabernacles 2012** – Join us in prayer as we prepare for Feast 2012 under the theme of asking God to begin pouring out His Spirit of grace and supplication upon the Jewish people as promised in Zechariah 12.
- **National Directors Meeting** – Pray that the ICEJ's National Directors meeting in Prague in mid-May would receive God's fullest blessing as our global family of leaders come together to seek His wisdom and plans for the direction of the ministry in the coming year.
- **New ICEJ International Director** – Pray for the new ICEJ International Director, Rev. Juha Ketola, as he arrives in Jerusalem to take up the challenges of his new position in overseeing the ICEJ's national branches worldwide, under the leadership of our Executive Director Dr. Jürgen Bühler.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer support!