

How to Pray for Israel

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May they be secure who love you!

Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek your good.

- Psalm 122:6-9 -

Israel has been much in the news over the past month or so, as have been the protests for and against their actions over the same period. The question inevitably comes up as to *how we should pray* for this situation?

1. **Above all things, and before all things, we should be praying for the gospel to be preached and heard by Jews, Arabs, and all people in Israel (Rom 10:1-17).** Over 65% of Israelis claim to be atheist or irreligious, and that includes *almost all* of those who claim to be Jewish.
2. **Pray for the protection of the innocent and justice for the wicked (Jer 22:3).** There are people in both categories on both sides of the current conflict. The innocent are, unfortunately, often caught in the violence of war.
3. **Petition the Lord to guide the leaders of both sides to peace (Matt 5:43-48, Rom 13:1-7).** Pray for even the leaders of *Hamas*? YES, just as Paul prayed for the Roman emperors and Jesus prayed for those who crucified him.
4. **Finally, rejoice in the Lord that despite the hate that fills the world, He is a God of peace and grace (Phil 4:8-9).**

Financial Summary

2023 Budget	\$224,885	Budget to Date	\$198,950
Weekly Budget	\$4,325	Giving to Date	\$205,873

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Welcome

*Creating environments where people
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“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
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- Local Ministry Update (SNHRM) -

- Lord's Table -

“Doxology”

“In Christ Alone”

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- Exploring the Scriptures Together -

November

23 Thanksgiving Day
26 Beginning of Advent Season!

December

1 Ladies Christmas Fellowship, 6:30-8:30pm
2 Southern NH Rescue Mission
24 Christmas Eve Sunday! (Regular service times)

January 2024

6 Southern NH Rescue Mission
20 Ladies' Ministry, 9:15am

“Saying Thank You Seven Ways to Sunday”

(1 Thessalonians 5:12–18)

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The Big Idea:

*Nursery is provided 9:30-11:30am for children ages 0-3.
Children ages 4-10 will be dismissed right before the message
for an age appropriate teaching time.*