

# Prayer for Peace

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WE PRAY TO THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB, WE COME IN OBEDIENCE TO THE SCRIPTURES FOUND IN PSALM 122:6, TO PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM. OUR GREAT GOD IN YOUR INFINITE WISDOM, YOU CHOSE A PEOPLE, THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO CARRY YOUR NAME AND THE PROMISE OF YOUR FAVOR AND BLESSING. WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM ISAAC AND JACOB. WE PRAY FOR THE CITY YOU HAVE GIVEN AS A GEOGRAPHIC CENTER OF YOUR COVENANT WITH YOUR PEOPLE. WE PRAY FOR JERUSALEM THE CITY OF PEACE AS A PLACE OF TRUE PEACE AND A PLACE GOVERNED AND MANAGED AND CARED FOR BY THE JEWISH PEOPLE AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF WORSHIP, WHERE MANY COME TO SEEK YOU. WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD BRING SHALOM AND BLESSING AND PROSPERITY.

DEAR LORD WE ARE SADDENED TO SEE THE VIOLENCE AND SUFFERING OF MEN, WOMAN AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED AND KILLED ON BOTH SIDES. WE ARE SADDENED BY THOSE WHO LIVE IN CONSTANT FEAR OF ATTACK. WE ARE SADDENED FOR THE CHILDREN WHO GROW UP IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF DIVIDED COMMUNITIES. WE PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INJURED BY THE MASS DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS OF HATE, BIGOTRY AND RELIGIOUS INTEROLERANCE. WE PRAY THAT THE ENEMY OF PEACE WOULD BE OVERCOME WITH GOD'S PURE LIGHT.

LORD GOD PLEASE BLESS THE ISRALI PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM WISDOM AND COURAGE AS THEY MANAGE THE DUTIES YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO THEM. WE REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET AMOS, LET JUSTICE ROLL ON LIKE A RIVER, RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE A NEVER ENDING STREAM. WE ALSO PRAY FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. YOU PROMISED TO BLESS ISHMAEL BECAUSE HE TOO WAS A SON OF ABRAHAM. GIVE THEM THEIR OWN HOME AND A PLACE OF GOODNESS. MAY JERUSALEM BE A CITY OF REFUGE FOR THE BROKEN AND THOSE WHO SEEK REST.

DEAR GOD, WE PRAY FOR THE CITY OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT, THE MILITARY AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THIS GREAT ANCIENT CITY. GIVE THOSE WHO GOVERN AND STEWARD THAT CITY, WISDOM, DISCERNMENT AND DIVINE GUIDANCE. WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT INHABIT JERUSALEM IN ALL OF THEIR ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY. MAY THEY FIND THE COMMON GROUND THAT UNIQUELY DEFINES US AS HUMAN BEINGS: THAT WE ALL ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD CAPABLE OF GIVING AND RECEIVING LOVE.

WE PRAY FOR THE MILITANTS AND THE TERRORISTS... DRIVE OUT THEIR FEAR AND HATE AND MISGUIDED PASSION. MAY THEIR SPIRITUAL EYES BE OPENED TO THE DECEPTION THAT VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED IS THE WAY TO ACHIEVE JUSTICE. AH SOVEREIGN LORD SHINE YOUR LIGHT INTO EVERY DARK MOTIVE, EVERY EVIL PLAN, EVERY POSSIBLE ATTACK THAT IS PERPETRATED BY WEAPON, DEED OR TONGUE. MAKE YOUR CITY, JERUSALEM A MODEL FOR THE NATIONS.

WE PRAY FOR THE REALIZATION OF ISAIAH 2:4, THAT GUNS WILL BE EXCHANGED TRACTORS AND BOMBS EXCHANGED FOR RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS ACROSS ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS BARRIERS. MAY THEY STUDY WAR NO MORE.

TO JERUSALEM YOUR CITY RETURN IN MERCY. DWELL IN HER MIDST AS YOU HAVE SPOKEN AND BUILD HER SPEEDILY IN OUR DAYS AND SOON ESTABLISH THERE THE THRONE OF DAVID. YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF BLESSING O LORD BUILDER AND PROTECTOR OF JERUSALEM.

BY YOUR OUTSTRETCH ARM NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU. OUR GREAT GOD YOU WE GIVE YOU PRAISE AND THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT LOVE,. KINDNESS AND GRACE.

LORD GOD BLESS YOUR GREAT CITY JERSUSALEM AND GRANT HER PEACE!