

BLESSING
your
CITY

24-7

PRAYER

OUTREACH DEVOTION

24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 20 – 26 November 2023

Blessing your city *God is in her midst*

Cities matter to God. The Bible describes God's prophecies regarding nations and cities in such detail that the reader experiences His love for people. The prayer points this week are based on God's instruction for Israel and the city of Jerusalem which is also a guideline on how to pray for your city. According to [Worldometer](https://www.worldometer.info/), 57.4 % of the population of the World is urban.

The Suffering Church

Let us faithfully pray that Christians who bravely gather in secret will be protected from the authorities who want them to renounce their newfound faith in Jesus Christ. Let us trust the Lord for many SD Card Bibles, which can be discreetly loaded onto mobile devices in countries where the Word of God is forbidden. *"I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You."* (Job 42:2).

MONDAY: 20 NOVEMBER 2023

SALVATION

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. (Romans 10:1).

Let us pray:

According to Operation World, **2% of the population (9,174,520) of Israel are Christians.** Pray for them to boldly proclaim the Gospel and to constantly pray for the salvation of their nation and the city of Jerusalem.

Also, pray for the **salvation of the people** of your city.

Blessing of God's salvation: Show (city's name) Your mercy, LORD, and grant (city's name) Your salvation (Psalm 85:7).

LIBYA

But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. (John 15:21).

Libya has no central government and is run by extremist groups, who regularly kidnap and kill Christians. Muslims who convert to Christianity face intense pressure to renounce their newfound faith or be arrested or killed by extremist groups. Pray that Libyan Christians will be able to boldly share the Gospel with their neighbours and friends, without fear of people. Ask the Lord to keep extremist groups from harming believers and for them to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Pray for law and order to be restored in Libya.

TUESDAY: 21 NOVEMBER 2023

POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

Let us pray:

Israel's **median age is 29.** Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the **youth of Israel.** To be bold witnesses for Christ in the schools, universities and colleges.

Lift the youth of your city in prayer, to impact your city and the surrounding communities as doers of God's Word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity (1 Timothy 4:12).

Blessing of the Holy Spirit: Jesus will baptise (the city's name) with the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11b).

ERITREA

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Romans 8:35).

In Eritrea, Christians and Muslims who convert to Christianity face imprisonment, extreme violence and torture. There are thought to be about 1,000 Christians indefinitely detained in Eritrean prisons, not officially charged with anything. Some church leaders have been imprisoned in appalling conditions for more than a decade, including solitary confinement in small cells to prevent them from sharing the

Gospel with guards or fellow prisoners. Pray that they will know God's comfort and find ways to grow in their faith. Pray for supernatural strength, hope and joy for imprisoned believers and their families.

WEDNESDAY: 22 NOVEMBER 2023

NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:25-26).

Let us pray:

Ask for the people of Israel to turn to God with their hearts and submit to Him wholeheartedly. To love the Lord as He commands – with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30). In humility confess the sins of your city before the Lord, focusing on issues of the heart – bitterness, racial, political or religious conflict, hatred, pride, lack of love, etc.

Blessing of obedience: I will put My Spirit within (your city's name) and cause (your city's name) to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them (Ezekiel 36:27).

SUDAN

"Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth; Yet they have not prevailed against me." (Psalm 129:2)

The government has no protection in place for Christians in Sudan. All Christians are still vulnerable to extreme persecution from both their communities and their families, specifically if they have converted from Islam. Converts may face sexual assault and domestic violence in their homes, losing their jobs, as well as being vulnerable to life imprisonment in solitary confinement without a specific reason. Pray for unity among the Sudanese believers and their leaders. Pray for Christians to be bold while sharing the Gospel and for them to feel the comfort and encouragement of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THURSDAY: 23 NOVEMBER 2023

TEARS OF LAMENT

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes." (Luke 19:41-42).

Let us pray:

With faith and expectation for God to move mightily, pray for believers in the city of Jerusalem to make intercession with godly sorrow for the people who do not know Jesus as the Prince of Peace yet. Ask the Lord to show you the longings of His heart regarding your city. Pray God's promises from His Word over your city as the Holy Spirit leads you.

Blessing of the Spirit of supplication: The Lord will pour on the inhabitants of Jerusalem (also include the name of your city) the Spirit of grace and supplication (Zechariah 12:10).

NORTH KOREA

Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer. (Romans 12:12).

North Korea remains a brutally hostile place for Christians to live and if they are discovered by the authorities, believers are either sent to labour camps as political prisoners where the conditions are brutal or killed on the spot. Open Doors contacts heard from reliable sources that several dozen North Korean believers from several underground churches had been discovered and executed. More than 100 members of their families were also sent to labour camps. Ask the Holy Spirit to continuously pour supernatural peace and strength into believers in labour camps. Pray that their persecutors will come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

FRIDAY: 24 NOVEMBER 2023

GOD, OUR EXCEEDING JOY

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. (Psalm 46:4).

Let us pray:

Pray for the people of Jerusalem to yearn for the living waters that can only be found in Jesus - a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life (John 4:14).

Ask for the people who reside in your city to encounter God as the God of their praise! (Psalm 109:1).

Blessing of God's presence: God is in the midst of (name of your city), she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn (Psalm 46:5).

MALDIVES

But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak. (Matthew 10:19).

Maldives is considered a 100% Sunni Muslim country, so any deviation is taken seriously. If discovered, Christians are very likely to be reported to the authorities and can be stripped of their citizenship or even given the death penalty. Christian faith must be kept so private that two members of the same family could be believers without the other ever knowing. Pray for religious freedom to come to the Maldives. Pray that Christians who feel isolated will know God's presence, power and love.

SATURDAY: 25 NOVEMBER 2023

GOD OF FAMILIES

"At the same time," says the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people." (Jeremiah 31:1). The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. (Jeremiah 31:3).

Let us pray:

Pray for family units in Jerusalem to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:30-33). It is the goodness of the Lord that draws us to repentance (Romans 2:4).

Pray for acts of kindness and unity among the followers of Jesus to draw households to Christ in your city.

Blessing the children: Say to (name of the city): "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26).

MEXICO

If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. (1 Peter 4:14).

There are an estimated 150 organised crime gangs in Mexico, financed by powerful drug cartels. When Christians refuse to carry out a gang's demand or speak out against crimes, their church is soon on the firing line. Intolerance of Christians speaking out on social issues is increasing, as Mexico becomes radically secular. Pray for God's wisdom and power for Christians standing up to the criminal gangs in their areas. Ask the Lord to encourage those who are losing their land, housing and families to follow Him regardless of their circumstances.

SUNDAY: 26 NOVEMBER 2023

UNCEASING PRAYER

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. (Isaiah 62:1).

Let us pray:

Ask the Lord to quicken the hearts of the people in Jerusalem to pray for her night and day; to understand that righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe (Romans 3:22). Also pray for followers of Jesus Christ in your city to be bearers of light proclaiming that the life of Jesus is the light to all men (Matthew 5:13-16; John 1:4).

Blessing of day-and-night prayer: God has set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem (also include the name of your city); they shall never hold their peace day or night (Isaiah 62:6).

MOROCCO

Princes persecute me without a cause, but my heart stands in awe of Your word. (Psalm 119:161).

Moroccan converts from Islam to Christianity face intense pressures, both privately and publicly, to renounce their faith. Many converts are denied their inheritance rights because they leave Islam and lose custody of their children. Christians become the targets for government interrogation, beatings or imprisonment. Even online, Christians risk cyber harassment for their faith. The pressure from families and society can force them into isolation or relocation. Ask the Lord to help believers establish and maintain underground Christian fellowship. Pray for a deepening of faith for Christians in North Africa, even when it is difficult to access spiritual resources.
