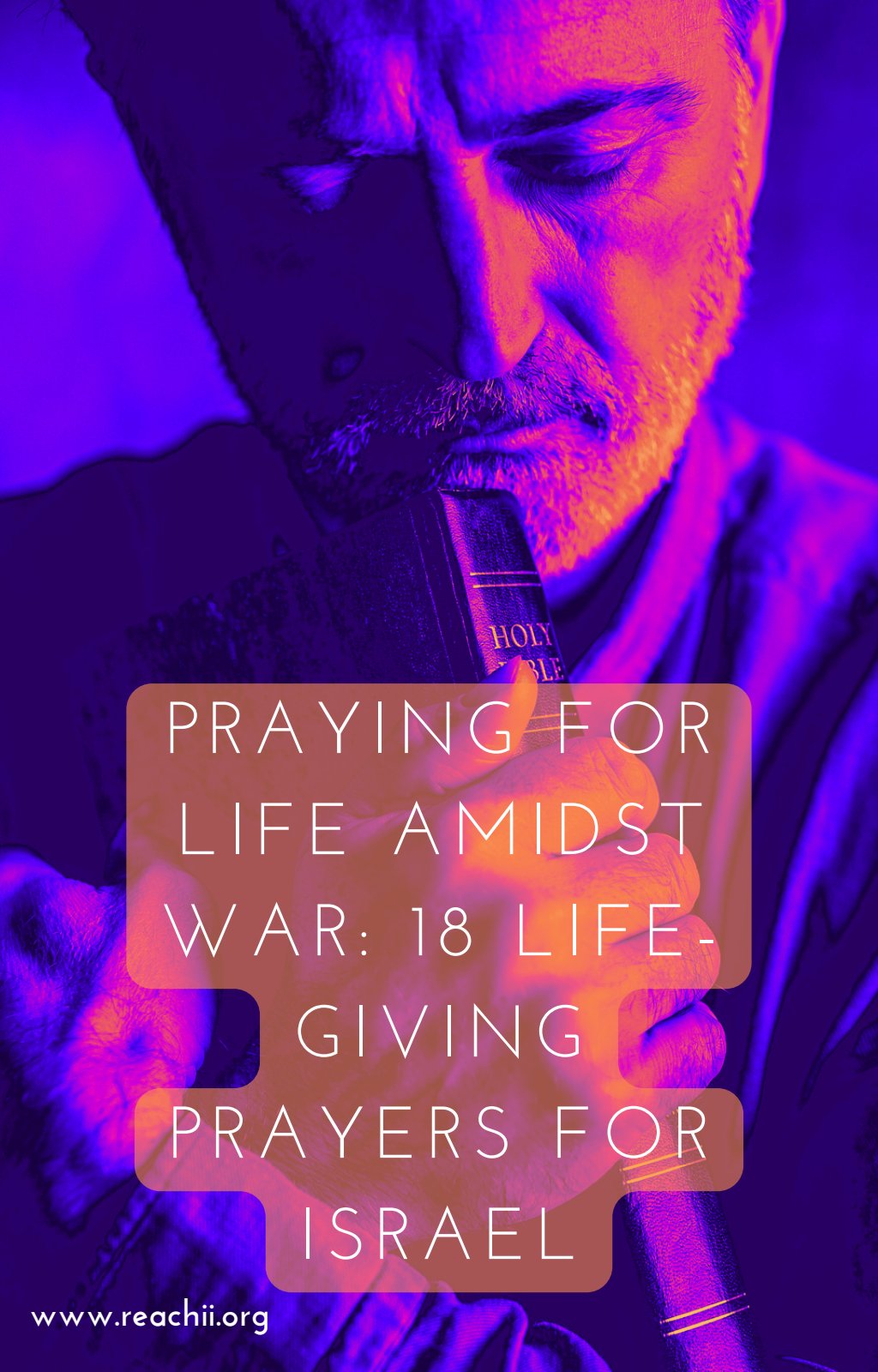

PRAYING FOR LIFE AMIDST WAR: 18 LIFE-GIVING PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL

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“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.”
Psalm 122:6

ON OCT 7, 2023...

every Israeli’s world changed due to the invasion and massacre by Hamas terrorists who destroyed entire communities and left over 1200 people dead. Since then, the nation has been involved in a horrific war to attempt to prevent such horrors from repeating.
Now more than ever it is important to remember to pray for Israel!

In order to help you pray in an informed and impactful manner, we have put together this prayer guide, **Praying for Life Amidst War: 18 Life-Giving Prayers for Israel.**

The number 18 signifies "life" or "chai" in Hebrew, and we hope these 18 prayer points will serve as a useful tool to enable you to stand with the people of Israel in prayer during this very difficult time.

01

Pray for Unity

In response to the horrors of war, Israeli society, religious and secular, orthodox and Messianic, all mobilized. People rushed to help each other like one big family. We know how tragedy can bring people together. However, as the situation continues, tensions and disagreements about how the nation should respond have led to divisions appearing once again within Israeli society.

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"
Psalm 133.1

02

Pray for Leaders

Leading a nation at war, meeting the many needs of the citizens while also carrying the weight of life and death decisions every day is not easy. And international pressure only adds to the challenge Israeli leaders face. Please pray for wisdom, strength, and humility for the Israeli leaders to make good choices that will minimize the loss of life, and bring safety and security to the people of Israel from terrorists that are intent on wiping out the entire nation.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."
James 1:5

03

Pray for Protection

As rockets rain down, terrorist attacks continue to be launched from multiple fronts, and heavy fighting rages in Gaza, please pray for the protection of all the people of Israel.

"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them."
Psalm 34:7

04

Pray for a Realization for Dependence on God

The events of October 7 show that even the vaunted IDF and Mossad can fail. Pray that this would lead to a renewed understanding of the need to rely completely on God.

"No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
Psalm 33:16-21

05

Pray for Healing

For those wounded and traumatized by the Oct 7 attacks and the fighting since. Many civilians and soldiers continue to face a long road to recovery from both physical and emotional/mental wounds.

"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted"
Isaiah 61:1a

06

Pray for Deliverance

Many hostages remain captive in Gaza, in the hands of hate-filled radicals who hold them in horrible conditions including cages in their terror tunnels. These people including the elderly and small children have endured months of unspeakable suffering since being torn from their peaceful lives on Oct 7.

"...and release from darkness for the prisoners."
Isaiah 61:1b

07

Pray for Comfort

The nation of Israel is heartbroken. Over 1200 people were killed on Oct 7, many are still being held hostage in Gaza months later, hundreds of IDF soldiers have fallen in battle since the start of the war, and about 250,000 were forced from their homes in dangerous areas to temporary housing.*

"to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy."
Isaiah 61.2b-3

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08

Pray for Strength and Empowerment

For all parts of Israeli society, this time has been very challenging. From the impact on the economy and small businesses, to IDF reservists having to leave their homes, families and jobs to serve; the families who have to make due while their loved ones are away, internally displaces people (IDPs) who had to leave their homes and have spent months living in hotels and temporary housing, etc.

"He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40.29b-31

09

Pray for Victory and Strongholds to be Broken

Israel is committed to defeating Hamas and ensuring that Israeli civilians will never again be massacred and threatened by hate-filled, brutal terrorists. However, the only way for this victory to be fully achieved is if the spiritual hatred and evil that motivates people to commit their lives to committing acts of terror and evil is broken.

"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds."
2 Corinthians 10:3-5

10

Pray Against Antisemitism

The same evil spirit of antisemitism that motivated, Haman, Hitler and terror groups like Hamas is also alive and growing across the globe, threatening the Jewish people worldwide. Sadly, acts of antisemitism and support for Hamas terrorists have been seen in the streets and universities of major cities around the world.

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
Genesis 12:3

11

Pray for Truth to Defeat Lies

In the news media, on social media, and at protests around the world, lies about Israel and the Jewish people are rampant. We know that satan is the father of lies and all this propaganda is a result of his work.

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
John 8:32

12

Pray for World Leaders

In the face of the antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiments sweeping the world, politicians who are choosing to support Israel are subject to backlash for their stance against the evils of Hamas. Forces of evil who love death and destruction are at work in our world. Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, Iran, and Russia are all working together to spread as much terror and death as possible. World leaders need to take these threats seriously and work to oppose it and not foolishly compromise Israel's right and ability to defend its citizens.

"In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that He channels toward all who please him." Proverbs 21:1

13

Pray for the Church to Support Israel and the Jewish People Worldwide

The church must stand with God's chosen people, both those living in the nation of Israel, and those who may live in your local area. Recent surveys suggest a decrease in Christian support for Israel, even as the nation faces this existential threat from the forces that wish to destroy it.

"Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."
Ruth 1:16-17

14

Pray for Arabs and the Palestinians

Pray they would stand against radical Jihadist theology and hate of the Jewish people and pray for innocent Palestinians, Lebanese, Syrians, and all those caught up in the midst of this fighting.

"Should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left."
Jonah 4:11

15

Pray for Open Doors

For the Messianic community in Israel to be a witness to their fellow Israelis as they serve together in the IDF or face the many other challenges they share as a nation. Pray for open hearts as Israelis perceive Messianic believers and Christians standing with them and supporting them.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:14-16

16

Pray for Peace

More than anything, the people of Israel long for peace. May the Prince of Peace bring an end to the horrors and suffering of terror and war.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9.6

17

Pray for Reach Initiative

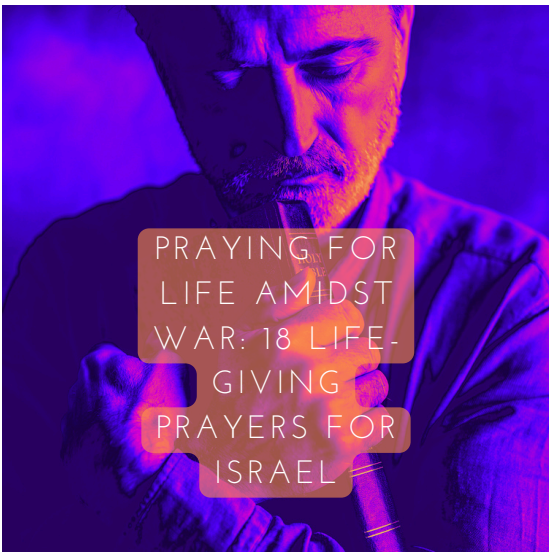
As our team ministers in the aftermath of October 7, serving Holocaust Survivors, the young men and women of the IDF, the traumatized and displaced families of Israel, and others in need. We appreciate your prayers and support.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel."
Philippians 1:3-5a

18

Pray for Fire and Wind and a Great Harvest

In Acts 2, we read of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Jewish people in Jerusalem that changed the world and led to a great harvest of Jewish and eventually Gentile souls for the Kingdom of God. This outpouring of God's Spirit came like a powerful wind and fire. We need fresh wind and fire from God that will again lead followers of Yeshua to boldly proclaim the gospel and that God will again confirm His Word with signs, wonders and miracles causing tens of thousands of Israelis, Jewish and Arab alike, and Palestinians to embrace Yeshua.

We have earnestly been praying for this since October 7th and encourage you to join us with faith-filled, passionate and urgent prayer in this regard.

"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:2-4