



A PRAYER FOR GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE

ISRAEL

Insulate them from harm

God, be to Israel a protective shield and a strong tower. Go before them, smoothing the way, surrounding them with Your presence, and serving as their rear guard. Preserve them from all evil as You vigilantly watch over Your people from this time forth and forever. (Deuteronomy 33:29; Proverbs 18:10; Isaiah 52:12; Isaiah 40:4; Psalm 121:7-8)

Set them apart for Your purpose

LORD, You have distinguished Israel from all other nations as Your own treasured possession. You have called them to be holy, as You Yourself are holy. May they exalt and worship You in Your holy mountain as they faithfully keep all Your commandments. (Leviticus 20:26; Deuteronomy 7:6; Psalm 99:9; Deuteronomy 26:18)

Restore peace in their land

May Your peace and mercy rest upon Israel, O God! Though mountains be shaken and hills be removed, don't forsake your covenant with Jacob. Send Your messengers to proclaim to them the gospel of peace and salvation and to say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (Psalm 28:6; Galatians 6:16; Jeremiah 31:35-36; Isaiah 52:7; Acts 10:36)

Anoint their leaders with wisdom

LORD, we know "wise and knowledgeable leaders bring stability." Grant Israel's governors understanding and discernment. May they rule Your people with integrity and justice. Let Your favor rest upon them. Bless and confirm the work of their hands. (Proverbs 28:2; 1 Kings 3:9; Proverbs 29:4; Psalm 78:72; Psalm 90:17)

Establish them in Your Word

God, sanctify Israel in the truth; Your Word is truth. May they hide it in their heart and diligently teach it to their children as they sit at home, walk along the road, lie down, and rise up. Your Word is sweeter than honey. May they learn to love and meditate on it day and night. (John 17:17; Deuteronomy 11:18-19; Psalm 19:10; 119:97)

Lead them to faith in the Messiah

LORD, Your people have been scattered like lost sheep. Have compassion on Israel and rescue them. Draw them to the good Shepherd who lays down His life for the flock. Help them recognize in Jesus the Messiah for whom Israel has watched and waited so long. (Ezekiel 34:6, 11-12; Isaiah 53:6; John 10:11; Romans 11:26-27; John 4:25-26)