

## **Pray for Israel**

For Israel, the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av is a significant date. It marks the day the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, both in 586 BC and AD 70. In 2024, it begins today at sundown (Monday, August 12) and ends at sundown tomorrow (Tuesday, August 13). With the current situation and threats surrounding Israel, we must be on the alert that the evil one might re-enact a strike on such a significant date.

In Daniel 10, we see that Daniel's prayers were critical in fighting against and overcoming the prince of Persia. This ancient war is still raging and we are calling the people of God to raise up the shield of prayer over Israel in this critical period. Let us pray that God's plan to prosper and restore Israel will prevail over the agenda of the evil one to destroy her.

- 1. Pray for God to arise over Israel and be a ring of fire around her to protect her from the assaults of the evil one who plans to annihilate them (Ps. 121:3–6, Ex. 14: 19–27).
- 2. Pray for God to bring a breakthrough in this war and bring a swift end to it (2 Sam. 5:20).
- 3. Pray for Israel's leaders to have great wisdom in dealing with the crisis at hand that is best for the nation and not for any personal political agenda.
- 4. Pray for believers in Israel to arise in praise in this time of crisis (2 Chr. 20:21–23) and for the shalom of God to fill their hearts (Ps. 122:6–8).
- 5. Pray for intercessors in the nations and in Israel to pray according to the heart of the Father (Col. 1:9).
- 6. Pray for the Jewish people in Israel to hold their ground and not leave in fear (Col. 1:11).

## **Pray For Iran**

Elam (now known as Iran) was the land of the kings of Medes-Persia. From this land, God had raised up vessels for His purposes for Israel before — King Cyrus and Queen Esther. In this critical period, let's pray for God to divinely intervene and fulfil His purposes in Iran (Jer. 49:34–39).

- 1. As in the days of Queen Esther, pray for the divine reversal of the situation that the evil rulers of Elam be scattered and their plans be thwarted so that their work will come to futility (Jer. 49:36–38, Isa. 54:17, Ps. 83:13–18).
- 2. Out of Iran, pray for the raising up of the "King Cyruses" and "Queen Esthers" who will advance God's kingdom (2 Thes. 1:11–12).
- 3. Pray for the blood of the Lamb to be put upon the evil ruler of Iran so that he repents or be removed from power according to the will of God.
- 4. Pray that Iran and its proxies' actions will not be a catalyst for a greater war (Isa. 54:17).