

Prayer for Israel and Jerusalem (Updated)

Israel and Jerusalem, I bless you in the name of the Lord. May Israel and Jerusalem have peace.

I pray for the protection of the borders of Israel, for God's angels to stand guard over her. May you live under the protection of the Most High and dwell under His shadow, may you say to the Lord, "my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust". Lord I pray that You will be in their midst, that You will delight over them with gladness, calm their fears with Your love, and rejoice over them with Your joyful song.

Israel and Jerusalem, may your old men and women live long lives and see their great grand children grow up before their very eyes. May your young men be strong, virile and courageous, may your young women be virtuous, honoured, fruitful and protected. May your children play in safety and grow up not knowing fear nor hatred.

May the Lord bless you and protect you, may the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you, May the Lord show His favour to you and give you His peace. And may the Lord bless you Himself in all you do. In Jesus name. Amen

(Psalm 122:6, Genesis 12:3, Psalm 91:1-2, Zephaniah 3:17, Numbers 6:24-27, Zechariah 8:5, Proverbs 20:29, Proverbs 17:6, Proverbs 30:10-12)

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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they prosper who love you [the Holy City]! *Psalm 122:6*

And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families *and* kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves].
Genesis 12:3

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable *and* fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand]. I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean *and* rely, *and* in Him I [confidently] trust! *Psalm 91:1-2*

The Lord your God is in the midst of you, a Mighty One, a Savior [Who saves]! He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest [in silent satisfaction] *and* in His love He will be silent *and* make no mention [of past sins, or even recall them]; He will exult over you with singing. *Zephaniah 3:17*

The Lord bless you and watch, guard, *and* keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon *and* enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favour) to you; The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquillity of heart and life continually). *Numbers 6:24-27*

And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. *Zechariah 8:5*

The glory of young men is their strength, and the beauty of old men is their grey head [suggesting wisdom and experience]. *Proverbs 20:29*

Children's children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their fathers. *Proverbs 17:6*

A capable, intelligent, *and* virtuous woman—who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels *and* her value is far above rubies *or* pearls. The heart of her husband trusts in her confidently *and* relies on and believes in her securely, so that he has no lack of [honest] gain or need of [dishonest] spoil. She comforts, encourages, *and* does him only good as long as there is life within her. *Proverbs 30:10-12*