

Matthew 9 Fast Prayer Guide

HOW TO USE THIS PRAYER GUIDE

When praying for Israel we want to use biblical language and pray the Bible. The Bible is our prayer guide and when we pray what God has said we can be confident we are in agreement with Him and that He will respond and do what He said He will do.

During this 21 days, the focus is on Jesus' prayer in Matthew 9:38, and there are many topics connected to this prayer and the fulfillment of it. This guide is arranged by specific topics related to Matthew 9:38 so you can pray topically and from the Bible for Israel during the 21 days. Each topic includes specific biblical promises for Israel and they give us precise language for intercession. When we pray these promises, we can boldly appeal to God on the basis of what He has said He will do.

Some of the verses we can pray include promises that are for the "end times," but God loves to give us historic previews of His final and ultimate salvation of Israel and the nations. With that in mind, we can pray promises about Israel's final salvation and ask God to give us a demonstration of that future now. In addition to praying promises for Israel, we can also pray redemptive promises for the nations because these promises include Israel.

Perhaps the size of the harvest of Israel just before the end will be in direct response to our intercession.

PRAY FOR LABORERS

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37–38 ESV)

35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. (John 4:35 ESV)

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea... (Acts 1:8 ESV)

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Romans 10:14–15 ESV)

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1 ESV)

- Pray that Jesus would choose, prepare, empower, and send ("ekballo") laborers into the harvest field of Israel.
- Pray that we would present ourselves a "living sacrifice" for the sake of God's purposes for Israel.

PRAY FOR HARVEST

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:36–38 ESV)

9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, (Revelation 5:9 ESV)

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (Revelation 7:9 ESV)

- Pray that the church would see Israel the way Jesus does—as a harvest field.
- Pray that God would bring a "plentiful harvest" in Israel.
- The great multitude from all nations must include Israel. Pray that a great "multitude" from Israel would be saved now.

PRAY FOR COMPASSION

14 But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.” 15 “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. (Isaiah 49:14–16 ESV)

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36 ESV)

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. (Romans 9:1–3 ESV)

- There are many opinions, teachings, and arguments about Israel, but very little anguish.
- Pray that the global church would experience Jesus' compassion, grief, and anguish over Israel.

PRAY FOR URGENT AND PERSISTENT INTERCESSION

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch....6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, 7 and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. (Isaiah 62:1, 6–7 ESV)

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37–38 ESV)

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

- Pray that Jesus would raise up earnest, fervent, and ongoing prayer for Israel until she is saved.
- Pray that God would establish historic and extravagant intercession for Israel in the land and in the nations.

PRAY FOR PROCLAMATION AND POWER

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” (Isaiah 52:7 ESV)

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Romans 10:14–15 ESV)

10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. 11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” 12 And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. (Isaiah 62:10–12 ESV)

33 And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel”...35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. (Matthew 9:33, 35 ESV)

7 And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. (Matthew 10:7–8 ESV)

24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’— 27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:24–31 ESV)

- Pray for bold, clear, and effective proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom
- Pray for clarity and boldness to speak about God's salvation and His purposes for Israel.
- Pray for a demonstration of Jesus' compassion through acts of healing, deliverance, and miracles.
- Pray for the land of Israel to be filled with miracles, healing, and deliverance.
- Pray for a historic demonstration of the power, compassion, and freedom of the gospel.

PRAY FOR EXTRAVAGANT SALVATION

13 All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. 14 In righteousness you shall be established... (Isaiah 54:13–14a ESV)

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31, 33–34 ESV)

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:25–28 ESV)

23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. (Ezekiel 37:23 ESV)

26 “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’” (Romans 9:26 ESV)

2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew... (Romans 11:2 ESV)

11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. 12 Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! (Romans 11:11–12 ESV)

26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; 27 “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.” (Romans 11:26–27 ESV)

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (Romans 11:29 ESV)

- Pray that God would bring Israel into the New Covenant, give her a new heart, and that the entire people of Israel would know Him.
- Pray that God would release a historic and extravagant salvation of Israel in the land of Israel.
- Pray for the future salvation of all Israel and pray for a foreshadowing of that salvation now.

PRAY FOR SHEPHERDS

15 “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. (Jeremiah 3:15 ESV)

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:36–38 ESV)

- Pray that God would anoint, raise up and establish wise, godly leaders to serve His people just as He promised to do.
- Pray for the shepherds in the land of Israel. Pray God would strengthen and protect them. Pray for their families.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up new shepherds in the land.

PRAY FOR DISCIPLES

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18–20 ESV)

- Jesus commanded His disciples to make disciples of all peoples and this includes Israel.
- Pray for the various discipleship programs in the land of Israel.
- Pray for new discipleship programs to be established to serve believers in the land.

PRAY FOR CITIES

23 ...for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. (Matthew 10:23 ESV)

- Pray for the cities of Israel by name.
- Pray for the congregations in each city and that God would pour out His spirit in each city.
- Pray for each city to be a center of discipleship.

PRAY FOR JEW AND GENTILE

4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ...6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Ephesians 3:4–6 ESV)

- Pray for the revelation of the mystery of Jesus in Israel through Jew and Gentile bearing witness together in the land.
- Pray for the Gentile believers in Israel and the surrounding nations. Pray that God would use them to bear witness with Jewish believers.
- Pray for the Lord to "ekballo" laborers into Israel who will bear witness with Jewish believers.

PRAY FOR THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. 11 On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. 12 The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; (Zechariah 12:10–12 ESV)

- Pray that God would give Israel and spirit of grace to cry out for mercy.
- Pray for God to release revelation and open eyes.
- Pray for the mourning of repentance and the joy of reconciliation.

PRAY FOR THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. (Isaiah 44:3 ESV)

15 And I will not let you hear anymore the reproach of the nations, and you shall no longer bear the disgrace of the peoples and no longer cause your nation to stumble, declares the Lord GOD." (Ezekiel 36:15 ESV)

24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:24–28 ESV)

14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.” (Ezekiel 37:14 ESV)

29 And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.” (Ezekiel 39:29 ESV)

28 “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. (Joel 2:28 ESV)

5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. (Matthew 10:5–8 ESV)

1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. (Acts 2:1–5 ESV)

- Pray that God would pour out His Spirit on Israel in the land.
- Pray that God would give Israel a new heart and a new spirit so they will live as they are called to live.
- Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the prophets promised for Israel.

PRAY THE BIBLICAL PROMISES FOR ISRAEL

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2 ESV)

33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (Jeremiah 31:33 ESV)

28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:28 ESV)

26 “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’” (Romans 9:26 ESV)

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means!... 11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means!... For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? (Romans 11:1, 11, 15 ESV)

8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs...(Romans 15:8 ESV)

19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. (Acts 3:19–21 ESV)

- Pray that God would pray fulfill the promises He made to the Patriarchs.
- Pray that the people of Israel will become a "Praise in the Earth" because of what God does in and through them.
- Pray the promise that Israel will be God's people and He will be her God.
- Pray the promise that Israel will be established in her calling and redeemed.
- *Note: these are just a few examples of biblical promises. There are many biblical promises that can be prayed for Israel.*