# STANDING THE GAP

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**Standing in the Gap** is The Joshua Fund's periodic publication aimed at building a team of believers who will pray knowledgeably, faithfully and consistently for the peace of Jerusalem and the people of Israel, the West Bank, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. As Founder and Chairman of The Joshua Fund, it is my hope that you will use this as a tool to "stand in the gap" for our brothers and sisters throughout the Epicenter. - JOEL C. ROSENBERG



# I S R A E L

#### P R A Y

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR BELIEVERS IN ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK

The Body of Christ in Israel and the West Bank faces many daunting challenges. Whatever the arena, whether in politics, society, or doctrine, current headlines give the Church many reasons to be discouraged, or to be distracted by issues that do not further the Gospel. Pray for your brothers and sisters across the region, that they would be able to turn their eyes from their circumstances and the turmoil of the moment – and turn them toward their Savior.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUNG JEWISH & ARAB BELIEVERS

More and more young Jewish and Arab believers are an important component of local congregations in Israel and the West Bank. Whether they come to faith from a secular or religious background, or they were raised by believing parents, these young people are in need of compelling reasons to follow Jesus instead of the many other options the world offers. Just as in our own congregations, these young people need prayer that God would open their hearts to His goodness and fill them with a passion for pursuing Him. Pray that these young people would see a clear path to participation and ministry in their local congregations, and take advantage of every opportunity to walk closer with Yeshua (Jesus).

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE GOSPEL GOING FORTH FROM ISRAEL

 As the Church in Israel and in the Neighboring Nations grows, there is an increasing need to look outward to see what new work the Lord is stirring. Many pastors and leaders feel that the next frontier for ministry will be evangelism and missions, with the Gospel again going forth from Jerusalem to all nations. Pray that Jewish and Arab churches would be filled with the Holy Spirit's power for evangelism at home and abroad. Pray that they would be filled with Christ's love for their neighbors and for the nations.







## THE PEOPLE WHO SAT IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, Light has dawned. - Matthew 4:16

As it was during the time that Jesus walked the earth, so it is also today. Many who once sat in the darkness of Islam have now seen a great light and that Light is Jesus. Pray for these new believers who carry that Light in the region of darkness and death. Pray for protection as they share their faith. Pray for strong discipleship and growth in God's Word. Also, pray that their passion and boldness would stay strong.

### P R A Y

Pray for the churches in the Middle East, that the Lord would guide them in ministering to new disciples of Jesus, often called Muslim Background Believers or MBBs. Traditional and evangelical pastors and ministry leaders are being challenged with how to effectively minister to those coming out of Islam and the unique needs they bring into the body of Christ.

"The community we live in is very dark, and there is a huge need for people who love the Lord and can share the Gospel in the Arabic language. Pray for God to save people here! To reveal Himself in dreams and visions and to draw people to Himself even during Ramadan." - Ministry partner serving in the Epicenter (Middle East)



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