

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Jerusalem, taken during sunset. The sun is a bright yellow circle in the upper right quadrant, casting a warm orange and red glow across the sky. The city below is densely packed with multi-story buildings, many with balconies and flat roofs. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing the main text.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER

For Revival in the Middle East and Israel

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Jesus told His disciples to wait in the city of Jerusalem for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He promised that they would receive the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to perform the work set before them, to be witnesses of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to make disciples of all nations!

Acts 1:8: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

For ten days, they consecrated themselves and continued with one accord, praying and waiting for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Finally, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those who were gathered in the upper room, resulting in 3,000 new Jesus followers.

Over the centuries the Church has, in commemoration, kept the ten days before Pentecost in like manner. This year, 2024, we want to encourage you to join us for 10 days of Prayer—praying for 10 key cities on the Isaiah 19 highway from Cairo to Jerusalem. We are praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people of these cities.

The biblical promise is found in Isaiah 19:23 (ESV),

"In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. On that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, 'Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my heritage.'"

Each of these 10 cities (one per day) are on this highway from Cairo, through modern day Assyria, and back to Jerusalem.

We will culminate these 10 days together with millions of believers who have agreed to pray on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, crying out in prayer for the salvation of Israel and unbelieving Jews around the world.

According to Romans 9-11, God's plan is that Israel (the Jewish people) will be provoked to godly jealousy to experience God's love and power that they witness in the lives of Gentile believers walking in the fullness of the Spirit (Rom. 11:11). Israel's salvation is connected to the fullness of the Gentiles in the end times (Rom. 11:25). The fullness of the Gentiles (v. 25) will lead to the salvation of Israel (v. 26), which will result in God's glory filling the earth as the waters cover the sea (Hab. 2:14).

Each day we have provided simple, bible-based prayer points for these 10 cities. You can gather in your homes, house churches, or prayer rooms to pray together during these 10 days. Let's ask God to do immeasurably more than all we could ever ask or even imagine, for His glory, our joy, and the salvation of multitudes across the Middle East!

DAY 1 - MAY 10

CAIRO, EGYPT

Cairo, which in Arabic translates as “The Victorious,” is the capital of Egypt and the most populated metropolitan area in Africa. Cairo is a sprawling, ancient city that lies along the banks of the Nile and is home to many world heritage sites, historic figures, peoples, and languages.

Cairo is associated with ancient Egypt, as the Giza pyramid complex and the ancient cities of Memphis and Heliopolis are in its geographical area.

Roughly 10% of all Egyptians identify as Coptic Orthodox Christian, the primary religion in Cairo prior to the advent of Islam. Religious intolerance from the Muslim majority has limited the growth of this or any other type of Christianity in the city.

An area of spiritual opportunity is the nearly one million orphaned children roaming the streets of Cairo resorting to begging or petty theft to survive. These challenges provide an incredible opportunity for the network of Jesus followers in the victorious city to adopt a generation and raise an army of more than conquerors.



“The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness,
and let us put on the armor of light.”

Romans 13:12b (KJV)

Ways To Pray:

- Pray for the spread of the gospel and for multiplying house churches among the Palestinian Arab, Najdi Arab, and North Iraqi Arab people.
- Pray for the advancement of God’s Kingdom throughout the 17 languages of this city.
- Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Amman that multiplies throughout the country.
- Pray for a resurrection of God’s divine purpose for this city.

DAY 2 - MAY 11

AMMAN, JORDAN



Amman is a city of contrasts. As the capital of Jordan, it is one of the oldest cities in existence and shelters the world's oldest statues, the Ain Ghazai statues dating to 7500 BC. At the same time, Amman is a modern city that is the nation's political, cultural, and economic center.

Though a young state, the nation of Jordan occupies an ancient land that bears the traces of many civilizations. Separated from ancient Palestine by the Jordan River, the region played a prominent role in biblical history, and the ancient biblical kingdoms of Moab, Gilead, and Edom lie within its borders.

Amman, the “royal city” of the Ammonites, was probably the acropolis atop the plateau that King David's General Joab took. The Ammonite city was reduced under King David's lordship and rebuilt over centuries into today's contemporary city.

Spiritually, a new conquering is needed, one in which the Son of David will illuminate the nation of Jordan with the true light of God.

Ways To Pray:

- Pray boldness and courage over the underground house churches as they send teams to the 31 languages spoken in this city, especially to the Egyptian Arabs, Saidi Arabs, and Libyan Arabs.
- Pray for unity among the church and boldness for Christians from traditional and Orthodox backgrounds in sharing the good news.
- Pray for the Kingdom of God to penetrate universities, coffee shops, homes, and factories.

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DAY 3 - MAY 12

TEHRAN, IRAN



In contrast to most of the Muslim world, Iran is a Shia country. Shia Muslims account for 15% of the world's followers of Islam.

The combination of years of economic sanctions, as well as the current social fallout precipitated by the death of Mahsa Amini at the hands of the Morality Police, has made Tehran a cauldron of unrest. This is creating opportunities for sharing the gospel message of hope.

Because some of their leaders have faced violent, martyrs' deaths, Shias understand that a righteous man can be killed by the unrighteous. For this reason, Christ's death on a Roman cross is not as foreign to them as it is to Sunnis.

These are just a few of the many factors that are contributing to Iran hosting the fastest growing Jesus-following church in the world. Pray that Iranians' desires for greatness, prosperity, freedom, and even for righteousness might ultimately be met through worship of Jesus.

Ways To Pray:

- Pray that believers in government, business, education, and the arts would have influence for the gospel.
- Pray for the awakening and strengthening of believers who have been in hiding and for them to have boldness in sharing their faith.
- Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders, and power and for the multiplication of outreach, disciple making, and church planting in the 31 provinces of Iran.

"And whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.' And if a man of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him; but if not, it will return to you."

Luke 10:5 (NASB)



DAY 4 - MAY 13

BASRA, IRAQ



“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh.”

Acts 2:17a (NKJV)

Basra is located in southern Iraq on the Arabian Peninsula. It is the country's largest port.

Islamic mysticism was first introduced in Basra by al-Hasan al-Basri soon after the death of Mohammad. Also known as Sufism, it was an ascetic response to what was perceived as an increasing worldliness in Islam. Today the theological school of the Mu'tazilah is in Basra.

The Virgin Mary Chaldean Church is the largest Christian worship facility in Basra and was recently renovated. However, very few Jesus followers are in the city. It is estimated around 350 families adhere to one form of Christianity or another.

While the Christians of Iraq are considered one of the oldest continuous Christian communities in the world, the war and turmoil of the last 15 years have caused many of them to leave Basra and the country. They fear for their safety and don't believe that the government is committed to protecting them.

Ways To Pray:

- Pray for the people of Basra that Christ might dwell in their hearts by faith and that they might know the love of Jesus.
- Pray that the underground church leaders will be filled with God's truth and wisdom.
- Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.
- Pray that a movement of prayer originates in Basra and spreads throughout the surrounding countryside.



DAY 5 - MAY 14

BAGHDAD, IRAQ



Baghdad, formerly named “City of Peace” and located on the Tigris River, is the second largest city in the Arab world after Cairo.

When Iraq was at the height of its stability and economic stature in the ‘70s, Baghdad was revered by Muslims as the cosmopolitan center of the Arab world. But after enduring seemingly constant war and conflict over the past 50 years, this emblem feels like a fading memory to its people.

As recently as 2003, it was estimated that as many as 800,000 Christians were living in Baghdad. Today, most of them have been forced to leave Iraq. That being said, a strong and growing underground house church movement exists within the city. Leaders of these small congregations are focusing on the many different people groups of Iraq living in the capital city.

Ways To Pray:

- Pray for multiplying house churches to launch gospel movements among the Iraqi Arabs, North Iraqi Arabs, and Northern Kurds who live in Baghdad.
- Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over the house churches.
- Pray for the historic church to be filled with God’s grace and boldness as they share their faith with others.
- Pray for the Kingdom of God to advance through prayer and evangelism.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)



DAY 6 - MAY 15

MOSUL, IRAQ



Mosul, the capital of Ninawa Governorate, is Iraq's second-largest city. The population has traditionally consisted of Kurds and a significant minority of Christian Arabs. After much ethnic conflict, the city fell to the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL) in June 2014. In 2017, Iraqi and Kurdish forces finally pushed out the Sunni insurgents. Since then, efforts have been made to restore the war-torn region.

Tradition says that the prophet Jonah established a church in what is now Mosul, though this is just speculation. Nineveh was on the east bank of the Tigris river in ancient Assyria, and Mosul is on the west bank. Nebi Yunis is revered as the traditional tomb of Jonah, but it was destroyed by ISIL in July 2014.

Today only a few dozen Christian families have returned to Mosul since it was recaptured in 2017. New teams of Jesus-following church planters from other parts of the Middle East are now entering Mosul and sharing the good news with this recovering city.

Ways To Pray:

- Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 14 languages of this city.
- Pray for the teams who have dedicated their lives to planting churches and sharing the gospel in this city; pray for their supernatural protection and for wisdom and courage.
- Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Mosul that multiplies throughout the country.
- Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit. Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)



DAY 7 - MAY 16

DAMASCUS, SYRIA



Damascus, the capital of Syria, was long renowned for its beauty and has been called the “Pearl of the East” and the “City of Jasmine.” It is still a major cultural center of the Levant and the Arab world.

Sadly, today large portions of the eastern and southern portions of the city have been destroyed by the civil war. Refugees from other parts of the country have come to Damascus, putting extreme strain on housing and other resources. With the disruption of many businesses and industries, unemployment and widespread poverty are high.

Bashar al-Assad is still in power, and the only true hope for the healing and transformation of Syria is the good news of Jesus. Thankfully, many Syrians report that the Messiah revealed Himself to them in dreams and visions while fleeing the country.

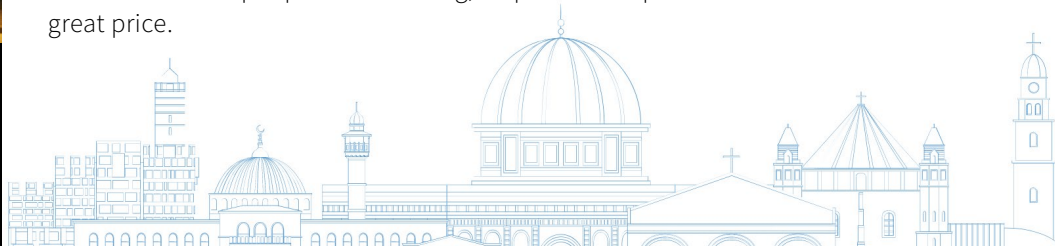
As conflict has diminished and stabilization has increased in the country under Assad’s oppressive control, Jesus-following Syrians have the opportunity to return to their homes and share with their people an unfading, imperishable pearl of great price.

Ways To Pray:

- Pray for the end of violence and for Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches in the 31 languages of Damascus.
- Pray for wisdom, courage, and supernatural protection for the Gospel SURGE teams working in the country to bring Jesus to the people.
- Pray for refugees, the poor, and the broken to find hope and healing in Jesus’s name.
- Pray for the Kingdom of God to advance through signs, wonders, and power in military, business, and government leaders.

“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Matthew 6:13 (NKJV)



DAY 8 - MAY 17

HOMS, SYRIA



Homs is a city in Syria located 100 miles north of Damascus. As recently as 2005, it was a prosperous industrial center with the nation's primary oil refineries.

Today it has largely been devastated by the ongoing civil war. Homs was the capital of the Syrian revolution, beginning with street protests starting in 2011. The government response was swift and brutal, and over the next years, street-to-street fighting in Homs destroyed the city.

The human cost of this war is frightening. 6.8 million people are displaced within Syria. More than six million children need emergency aid. Seven out of 10 people in Syria require some level of humanitarian aid to survive.

Prior to the war, Christians were 10% of the population. The largest denomination was Greek Orthodox. Currently, a small minority of Protestants is in the country.

Ways To Pray:

- Pray that the orphans of this war, many living on the streets of Homs, will find aid and shelter.
- Pray the words of Psalm 10: "Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless."
- Pray that the current cessation of active fighting can be negotiated into a peaceful settlement for the people of Homs.
- Pray for the provision of basic necessities for the people of Syria.

"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:20 (NIV)



DAY 9 - MAY 18

TEL AVIV



Tel Aviv is Israel's second most populous city. On one side, the city is bordered by the Mediterranean and long stretches of sandy beaches. On the other, it is lined by glass towers that house technology companies in what is considered the world's second most important hi-tech area.

In 2022 Tel Aviv was declared to be the world's most expensive city to live in. This is partially due to the high-earning workers in the technology area, but it is also because the Israeli shekel has appreciated so strongly against the US dollar.

Of the population of Christians in Israel, approximately 23% live in the Tel Aviv area, the largest concentration in the country. Ten Christian churches are recognized under Israel's confessional system, the majority of which are Catholic and Orthodox faiths.

The Holy Spirit at Work—"We Need an RV"

When the team leader told me he wanted an RV, I thought he was planning on taking a vacation. After laughing he explained, "We're sending people out into the middle of nowhere, where there are no homes, and they are setting up base camps to rescue people who are orphans of war, kids, and widows.

"They need a medical place to be set up to help somebody who comes out of a war-torn environment when they've lost everything. They need a place where they can protect valuables and where they can sleep and where a manager would oversee an ad hoc camp, as they care for people whose lives had been destroyed by war."

So a retrofitted Airstream actually becomes a hub for giving the love of Jesus in practical ways. A cup of cold water, blankets, medical care, and the gospel can be given to people who are coming from miles around looking for hope. I just thought, how incredible. And they said, "We've seen really wealthy people go on vacation with these, and we thought, what if instead of using it for a holiday, we used it for Jesus?"

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- Pray for the provision of basic necessities for the people of Syria.

"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face forever more."

1 Chronicles 16:11 (NKJV)

DAY 10 - MAY 19

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL



Jerusalem, a holy site of pilgrimage for the three Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, is a hotbed for religious and ethnic conflict, as well as geopolitical positioning. Jews are seen pressing up against the Wailing Wall in anticipation of the coming Messiah who will rebuild the Temple.

Meanwhile, Muslims visit the site where they believe Muhammad ascended to heaven and was given requirements for prayer and pilgrimage.

Simultaneously, Christians are found touring the sites of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection.

There is much that attracts in Jerusalem, and despite an average of over 3 million tourists visiting the city each year, the region has struggled to attain peace due to deep cultural and political rifts that have divided Israel from their neighboring countries.

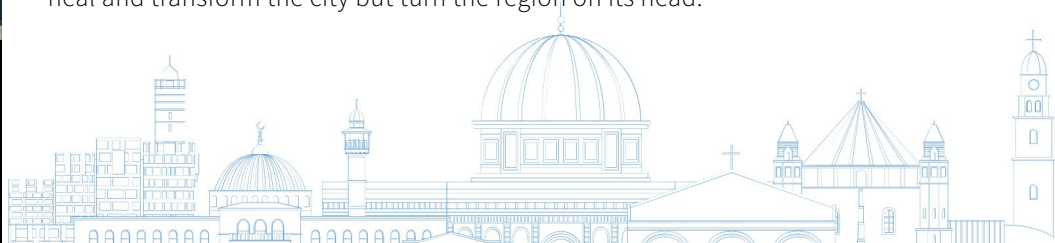
Add into the mix a rich diversity and 39 languages and the stage is officially set for a movement of God that will not only heal and transform the city but turn the region on its head.

Ways To Pray:

- Pray for unity among Jews and Arabs as they launch Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches among the people of Jerusalem.
- Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over the house churches.
- Pray for peace among all ethnic groups, languages, and peoples through the declaration of Jesus the Messiah.
- Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders, and power.

“Serve the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing.”

Psalm 100:2 NKJV



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