

Charisma News Brief: Historic Prayer Partnership Targeting Freedom for Hostages in Israel

Christian congregations and Jewish synagogues across the United States will form a historic prayer partnership during the weekend of Nov. 17-19 for a crucial cause that affects the entire world. The two communities will come together to cry out to God on behalf of Israel and approximately 240 hostages that continue to be held by the terrorist group Hamas.

The efforts are spearheaded by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem's USA branch. The ICEJ labels this weekend of prayer for Zion's sake and will be an "unprecedented moment in history to stand with the Jewish people in support of Israel and the hostages.

"The ICEJ is mobilizing the American Christian Leaders for Israel network of some 3,000 leaders to promote the weekend of prayer for Israel to their churches and networks," ICEJ USA Director Dr. Susan Michael says.

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"We're calling on churches around the world to stand with and for our Jewish friends in prayer according to Isaiah 62:1, which says: 'For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace,'" Michael says. "It is our hope that a weekend of concentrated prayer in unity with the Jewish community will bring about a breakthrough in Israel's situation and the release of the hostages."

The ICEJ is asking churches to lead a time of prayer for Israel and the release of the hostages during their regularly scheduled services that weekend.

Pastors and Christian leaders are also being encouraged to phone their local synagogues and let them know they and their church members are praying for Israel and the release of the hostages that weekend.

“It’s more critical than ever that the Christian community shows our support of the Jewish community,” Michael says “Our Jewish friends must see and hear us.” {eo}

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