

ECI Launches Prayer for United Jerusalem

✖ As the capital city of Israel is facing yet another attempt to divide it, the European Coalition for Israel, together with a network of respected international prayer leaders, is calling for prayer for a united Jerusalem.

On June 1, a campaign to advocate for a united Jerusalem and a negotiated, just and lasting peace agreement in the Middle East was launched in the European Parliament in Brussels. On June 7, which also marked Jerusalem Day according to the Gregorian calendar, a call for Prayer was issued on a global level.

The prayer coalition is asking believers not only to pray for a united Jerusalem, but also for their own national governments. Governments will soon have to vote on the issue of a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state at the upcoming United Nation General Assembly in New York, starting on Sept. 19. The campaign concludes that a unilateral declaration would in fact divide Jerusalem and is illegal according to international law.

The call reads: "History demonstrates that only Jewish sovereignty over the holy sites in Jerusalem will keep the city open for people of all faiths, Muslims as well as Christians. In this respect, Jerusalem is already a 'shared capital', though under the sovereignty of the Jewish state. Both International Law and the Word of God confirm that Jerusalem belongs historically to the Jews. This does not contradict the fact that there is also a place for others, something that has been brilliantly demonstrated by the Israeli Government since they recaptured East Jerusalem in 1967. During the Jordanian rule of East Jerusalem (1949-1967) Jews did not have access to their holy sites in the Old City

and many of their synagogues were destroyed. Under Jewish oversight however, the city has remained open for people of all religious affiliations.”

The campaign will encourage believers to pray daily for the peace of Jerusalem as well as for their own governments—that they will firmly respect Jewish sovereignty over Jerusalem and will not further divide the land. Nearer to the date of the UN meeting in New York, more information will be given as to how believers can be involved in intercession as well as during the week of the UN General Assembly meeting in New York itself.

You can join the campaign to pray for a united Jerusalem by signing the pledge on the new campaign website.