

Rutland, Schuller Join Day of Prayer for Jerusalem

✖ Robert A. Schuller, best-selling author and chairman of , has joined the Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem. The prayer event is observed on the first Sunday of every October. Dr. Mark Rutland, president of Oral Roberts University and best-selling author, has also joined the Day of Prayer.

This global grassroots prayer movement, led by Robert Stearns and Dr. Jack Hayford, calls Christians to unite in prayer across denominational, cultural and political differences on Sunday, October 2.

Prayers will ask for God's peace, blessing and provision upon this strategic city and all of her people. Last year, churches in over 175 nations—including seven predominantly Muslim countries—participated in this multi-national and religiously diverse prayer initiative, and resources were translated into 23 different languages.

"We need to pray for peace in Jerusalem," Schuller says. "Jesus wept for her. God loves her. The Holy Spirit comforts her. We will prayer for her!"

Rutland echoed those remarks, "Prayer for peace anywhere is blessed. Prayer for Jerusalem anytime is blessed. Prayer for the peace of Jerusalem is the perfect match."

"As these global challenges arise, however, God is present," says Stearns, co-chair of this global Day of Prayer. "His response has been to stir the hearts of Christians from China to Germany and from Kenya to Brazil, to raise their voices in fervent intercession with His Son, on behalf of Jerusalem and all her inhabitants, both Jew and Arab alike."

Last year, a special Jerusalem gathering was televised live globally on GOD TV, from the Tayelet Haas Promenade overlooking the Old City. Led by Stearns, who is also the founder of Eagles' Wings, those who addressed the local audience of hundreds and the global audience of millions, included: Jerusalem's Mayor Nir Barkat; Dr. Michael Little, president of the Christian Broadcasting Network; Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of Efrat; Knesset member Yoel Hasson; and other international leaders from the Christian, Jewish and Arab communities.

Over 1,200 leaders who are endorsing this day of prayer—which include leaders like Paul Cedar, Ron Luce, Kay Arthur, Jane Hansen, T. D. Jakes and Ravi Zacharias—represent all different cultures, denominations and generations, with an exciting new development of this prayer movement on college campuses.

Like Stearns, Hayford of The Foursquare Church, Schuller, Rutland, and many others who lend their name and support to this unique prayer initiative, know that our intercession must be coupled with practical support for all who suffer in this region.

Stearns has developed a practical channel for support for all those in need from this region through the Jerusalem Fund. On October 2, many participating churches will take up a special collection for this fund, in order to express God's love to Jews, Arabs and Christians alike in God's Holy City—Jerusalem.