

Israeli Christians Call for Esther-Like Fast After Syria Pullout Decision

President Donald Trump's decision to pull US troops out of Syria has sparked a movement of urgent prayer and fasting.

The fast was initiated by Succat Hallel, a 24/7 house of prayer overlooking the Temple Mount.

"There are some urgent developments in the Middle East that are so important that we believe decisions will be made in these next two months that could affect the destiny—the fate of millions of people in this region and even the future of Israel. These decisions are so important that we are calling for a united time of prayer and fasting in the style of Queen Esther," Rick Ridings, founder of Succat Hallel, explains in a video.

This Esther Fast will take place on March 1-3 and will focus on three issues.

First, is for the protection of a new democratic government called the "Self Administration of North and East Syria" (SANES), which vows to protect the religious freedom of minorities in the war-torn country.

"It is very committed to the protection of Christians and the Kurdish people of that region that there will be no genocide," Ridings explains.

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