

Maoz Prayer Letter - March 13, 2019

Dear Maoz Partner,

The elections are now 4 weeks away. An unprecedented number of 43 parties will be running for the 21st Knesset. Most of them will not get over the threshold, but this just means more votes that will not count at the end, yet may sway the outcome of the elections. The two major parties - *Likkud* and *Kahol-Lavan* - have maintained their status at the top. However, Israelis are growing increasingly annoyed by the fact that the two leaders of these parties - Benjamin Netanyahu and Benny Gantz - are refusing to appear for interviews in the press. Wisdom is key for these elections, and not only for us, Messianic Jews, but for every Israeli looking for stability in our country.

At the end of the month we will mark one year since the beginning of the violence on the Gaza border. Thousands continue marching to the fence each Friday per Hamas' orders, and there are several attempts each week to infiltrate Israel. Rocket fire has also been resumed now and then. In recent days, various politicians from the outgoing government are saying, that should the need arise, there will be no hesitation to launch yet another operation against Hamas - even before the elections.

Please join us in prayer this week:

For the upcoming elections. Pray for the Lord's mercy on our nation - that He will give us leaders who will have a servant's heart, clean hands, and pure motives. Pray for unity among the people of Israel during the election campaign. Pray that the next government will be one favorable towards the Messianic Jews.

For God's protection on our borders. Pray for safety for our soldiers and wisdom for our commanders as they continue defending this land 24/7.

For Ari and Shira. Pray for the Lord to continue guiding them in the right direction with every decision they make. Pray for clarity, inspiration, and grace to continue with their vision for Maoz and Israel.

For Maoz directors and staff around the world. Pray that the Lord would help us maximize our talents and abilities as we perform our daily tasks. Pray for fresh ideas and divine leading in every project. Pray that God will expand our reach and our borders, allowing us to reach many Israelis with the Gospel and share about Israel with many people from all nations.

For healing for Yacov Damkani, Eddie Santoro, and Paul Liberman.

For the "Narrated Bible in Chronological Order" project.

For Maoz Media and music projects. Pray for a clear direction, open doors, and wisdom regarding each step in each project.

For the children in our Music Making For Kids program.

For the Hebrew Books department. Pray for the Lord's leading regarding new books we're looking for that may be translated for Hebrew-readers.

For the body of believers in Israel.

For Israeli Messianic believers persecuted for their faith.

For our Arab brothers and sisters in Messiah.

For the salvation of Israel.

From Maoz UK: There is chaos in the government with regard to Brexit. Parliament yesterday rejected Theresa May's latest proposal. Today they will vote on whether the UK could leave the EU without a deal. Tomorrow they will have another vote as to whether to delay Brexit. The Lord is sovereign and in control. Please pray for Theresa May, who has worked tirelessly for this agreement. Pray for the government and parliament. Please pray above all for the Lord's will to be done.

It is important for each and every one of us to have a vision, something that will drive us forward according to God's plan. I think that with the cares of this world, struggles in our personal lives, and challenges we face, it's easy to sometimes lose sight of that vision. The danger of having no vision (or not keeping it in mind all the time) is that we might lose the ability to discern which things in our race are important and which are not.

Our prayer for you is that you will always clearly see the direction you need to move in. That your eyes will be fixed on the goal and the purpose you received from the Lord, progressing steadily and constantly on the right path.

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for praying for us. We bless you in the precious name of Messiah Yeshua.

Shalom from Tel Aviv!

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