

Maoz Israel Prayer Letter - April 11, 2018

Dear Maoz Partner,

Tonight Israel will begin the annual observance of Holocaust Memorial Day, remembering six million Jews mercilessly slaughtered by the Nazis during WWII.

It's so very sad that the same week we are weeping for loved ones who perished in gas chambers, Syrian men, women and children are being gassed in their own homes ... and just as the world was silent then, most of it continues the silence today.

Following this week's events and the upcoming decision of U.S. President Trump on whether to execute an attack against Syria, the Pan-European air traffic control agency warned airlines to exercise caution in the eastern Mediterranean for the next 72 hours. Russia, who holds high stakes in the region, issued warnings of her own -- toward the U.S. and European allies -- that should there be an attack, Russian troops will react.

In short, once again the Middle East is on the brink of an explosion, and Israel is very close to the epicenter.

As Israel remembers those who were taken from our people during the Holocaust, we ask you to pray:

* For the Lord's protection over Israel. We need your prayers on several fronts -- the Syria situation, Iranian threats following an airstrike in Syria credited to Israel earlier in the week, and Gaza, where the protests on the fence continue.

Pray for Brian, our Maoz UK director. May God give him rest, and divine health, strengthening every part of his body. Pray for the special meeting Brian organized for Israel's 70th Independence Day celebrations which will take place next week. May everything go according to plan, and may this event be a blessing to those attending.

May the Lord anoint each one of them, and may they reach many hearts of believers with the truth about Israel.

* For open doors. We ask that you pray for all our international representatives to have opportunities to present the work of Maoz and God's heart for Israel to as many believers around the world as possible.

* For next week's board meetings. Next week our Tel Aviv office will host a two-day board meeting, where the Israel team will report on our achievements and challenges in 2017, and present plans for this year.

We ask that you pray for these meetings. May the Holy Spirit orchestrate and guide every decision, and may our board members hear and heed God's leading regarding Maoz and our projects. Pray for all preparations to go smoothly and be completed on time. Pray for safe travel for our international and Israeli board members. Pray for the Lord to continue blessing Maoz and bringing good fruit from our work in the Land of Israel.

* For Ari, Shira, and Maoz staff. Pray for Shira, who needs to finish the work on the May issue of the Maoz Israel Report by early next week. Pray for Ari, who is working on a series of books presenting the ABC's of our faith from a Messianic Jewish perspective.

Pray for our staff around the world. Several of us need prayers for healing and salvation for our families, and we ask that you stand with us in believing that God will grant us our petitions.

* For our projects. Continue to pray for the Hebrew books department, the Narrated Bible project, our various media projects, I Stand with Israel humanitarian outreach, congregations and ministries we support, and every other project we are involved in.

From Maoz UK: As you know Maoz supports several Arab ministries, and we are privileged to host a visit next week from one of those leaders. We have several special events and meetings planned so please pray that the week-long visit will go well. We have a public meeting on Sunday 22 April at Belvedere Pentecostal Church. Please contact the UK office for more details -- maozuk@maozisrael.org.

As we seek to expand the work of Maoz in the UK, we are aware that the enemy is set against us. On Monday Brian ended up in the hospital with a viral infection. They did discharge him and he is slowly recovering. Please pray for a full recovery for next week. Also, Petra's mother has been unwell and she has had to go to Holland to visit her this week. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Last night I had the privilege of taking part in our monthly "Team Huddle." It's an online meeting where key staff from our international offices catch up, strategize, and pray together. During the meeting Christy shared a touching story from her family's Passover Seder experience, and the focus was God's miracles.

There are some who think the times of miracles have passed. But I strongly believe miracles still happen today, and they will increase as we get closer to Yeshua's return.

But I'm not only talking about big miracles like the Red Sea being split in two. In fact, in recent years, I realized that miracles happen to us every day, and if we make a point of noticing them, we will be surprised and blessed to see God working "behind the scenes." (He is, actually, front and center!)

My special prayer for you today is for God's miracles, His favor, His goodness and His mercy to follow you and your family all the days of your lives. And may you see these big miracles you've been praying for (some of you for many years now) happen very soon!

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for your love and prayers. We bless you in the precious name of Messiah Yeshua.

With love and gratitude from Tel Aviv,

Katy Smith
For the Maoz Israel Ministries Team