

Dear Maoz Partner,

Last Thursday evening, as the weekend began settling in, sirens blasted throughout the Tel Aviv area, followed by explosions in the sky. After an investigation, the IDF announced that two rockets were "accidentally" (yes, they used this specific word) fired from Gaza, and fell in open areas. No one in Gaza took responsibility for the attack. Nevertheless, Israel's Air Force destroyed 100 known Hamas targets in the Strip that night.

This week began with another atrocious attack, as a 19-year-old terrorist stabbed an IDF soldier to death, took his weapon, and went off on a shooting spree in two different locations, murdering a father of 12 from a nearby settlement, and seriously injuring another IDF soldier. He then fled, and for over 48 hours, Security Services and IDF special forces looked for him in villages close to the place of the attack. Last night he was found and killed during an attempt to apprehend him. He is no longer a threat to Israelis, but for the two families who lost their loved ones this week, this brings little consolation.

As Israel prepares to celebrate Purim tonight, we appreciate and covet your prayers:

For God's protection over this land. Pray for protection over IDF soldiers, security forces, and all Israel:

- On the border with Gaza. On March 30, Hamas is planning to bring tens of thousands of Gazans to the border to mark one year since the "return marches" began.
- In Judea and Samaria. Pray for God's intervention in stopping the lone terrorists and organized terror against soldiers and settlers.
- On our northern border. Last week the IDF made public Hezbollah's plan of a surprise attack through terror tunnels. Pray that the plans of the wicked will come to nothing.

Pray for wisdom and courage for our leaders and commanders - that they will do everything needed and possible to continue protecting Israel.

For the elections in just 3 weeks. Pray for the Lord's will to be done during these elections. Pray that our leaders will have clean hands and pure hearts. Pray that the new government will give Messianic Jewish believers the freedom of religion granted to all others. Pray that the discrimination against Messianic Jews will stop - especially in everything concerning aliyah.

For the many non-believers who will be attending Purim parties at Messianic congregations all across Israel. Pray for the Lord to open their eyes and hearts, so that they can receive eternal life.

For Ari and Shira. As they continue laboring to fulfill the vision God gave them 42 years ago, pray for health, strength, anointing, and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

For Maoz directors and staff around the world. The vision that unites us is to see Israel saved, the body of believers in the land mature and strong, and the new generation of believers growing up having the tools they need to become powerful witnesses of God's love to our people. Pray for each one of us to draw daily inspiration from this vision.

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

For the "Narrated Bible in Chronological Order" project. The Lord has been faithful in providing the people and resources we needed for this project - overwhelmingly over anything we ever expected! Please continue to pray that the work on this Bible will go as planned, and that this book will be an amazing tool for the Lord among His people.

For Maoz Media and music projects.

For the children in our Music Making For Kids program.

For the Hebrew Books department.

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: Please pray for:

- The Maoz supporters trip to Israel from 4 April - 13 April
 - A breakthrough in the Brexit situation
 - Your local MP at this time of political unrest, that God would grant them wisdom and blessing
 - Brian who is speaking at a Church of God of Prophecy Convocation in South West London on Sunday.
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When you receive this prayer letter later today, Purim celebrations will begin across Israel. I've been thinking about the way God chose to deliver His people from annihilation. And I'm not talking about Him using one Jewish girl, but that the Jews were saved because of a decree allowing them to defend themselves against any person who would attack them. When they did, God fought alongside and gave them victory.

Yes, there are times when God supernaturally subdues our enemies. But in our walk as believers, most times we have to actively oppose our enemies and protect ourselves and our families. God has given us weapons of warfare, and my prayer for you this week is that you will have courage, resolve, and strength to use these weapons, knowing that He is fighting alongside us and gives us the victory.

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!

Katy Smith

For the Maoz Israel Ministries Team