How to Pray for Israel

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Why pray for Israel, the prophetic urgency: today's headlines in the Psalms:

Psalm 94:2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

Psalm 94:3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

<u>Psalm 94:4</u> [How long] shall they utter [and] speak hard things? [and] all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

Psalm 94:5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

Psalm 94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

Psalm 94:7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard [it].

So what does He say to do?

<u>Joel 2:16</u> Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

<u>Joel 2:17</u> Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God?

Joel 2:18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

<u>Joel 2:19</u> Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

Who is to pray this prayer? Who are the "ministers (priests) and kings?

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.