

## Maoz Israel UK Weekly Intercessors letter - 1-7 April 2020

**We are called to stand in the gap as believers in the Messiah and pray and take a stand for the God of Israel and the nation of Israel.**

**Please pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic across the nations. Some have said that Passover will be a significant time this year and the virus will disappear over that time. That's a good thing to aim for, so let's join in praying for this.**

**Pray for the health of your local village, town and community. Pray for local services, for key workers in your area. Pray for your local hospitals and health systems.**

In Matthew 24 Yeshua told us to be aware of the signs. What we are experiencing now is a 'birth pang'. We need to be alert to all that is happening and to keep warning people of the near return of our Messiah.

**Nisan 1 (26 March 2020) was the Biblical new year**, the start of the month for the Exodus from Egypt and the beginning of Jewish national history. It's also the beginning of the counting of the Festivals. So it's a new day. **Pray** that this year will be a year of revelation for the Jewish people.

Thank God for what appears to be a breakthrough following the election in March. Benny Gantz has broken the Blue and White Party in two to form a unity Government with Netanyahu.

**Please pray** for this Government.

**Pray** for Israeli believers have an advocate in this new government.

**Pray** for protection from enemy nations who would use this vulnerable time to do Israel harm.

### **Please pray for our work in Israel**

**Please pray** for Ari and Shira Sorko-Ram and Kobi and Shani Ferguson, our senior leadership team in Israel. All have been in isolation and Shani has had symptoms of the Virus, although is now improving.

The Fellowship of Artists incorporates all of our creative ministries: the development of modern Israeli worship, helping young children in their vocal training and musicianship, supporting young artists in performance and recording a fresh new expression of sound. This is based at our studio in Jerusalem.

**Pray for this project, that the team can still provide support remotely.**

We have the opportunity to provide content for a new Hebrew language channel, Shelanu.

**Please pray** for us as we adapt some of our existing content and create some new content. This is a great opportunity to provide outreach content to reach Israel with the Gospel

**Pray for wisdom and favour** in carrying out such activities that will have a lasting impact on people's lives in Israel.

### **Focus: Istandwithisrael Passover project.**

Our work in Israel continues despite the restrictions. We have an emergency project for Passover. Many Israeli families will not be able to celebrate Passover because the Government cannot provide financial aid until after that time. So we are raising a fund to provide coupons for food so that they can celebrate, otherwise they will have very little to purchase the basic requirements.

We shall also be providing believing families with a stipend where possible, to help them with food during April. **Please pray** that we would be able to raise funds and that we would be able to help many families.

Although all of Maoz UK's visits and speaking opportunities have been cancelled, there have been other opportunities to spread the good news about Israel. Brian, our Director, was able to record a series of two talks for the Sunday morning service at his home church about Israel. You can find them online here:

Video: <https://www.bcc.church/onlineservice> Audio: <https://www.bcc.church/historyinthemaking>

**Pray** that the UK church will awaken to the need of understanding the purposes of God in Israel.

Thank you for your prayers for Maoz – may the Lord bless you from Zion!

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## **Maoz Israel UK Weekly Intercessors letter – 8-14 April 2020**

Exodus 12:11. And thus you shall eat it: *with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

Its Passover week. Passover begins on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> April and ends on 15<sup>th</sup> April. You know how important Passover is and again this year it coincides with Easter – as it should do.

**Please pray** for this time that Jewish people around the world will have revelation of their true redeemer, Yeshua.

**Pray that the Lord** will use these times of uncertainty to cause Jewish people to turn to the Lord.

**Pray for** 50% of Jewish people in Israel who do not believe in God

**Pray for** Tel Aviv. There is a saying: Jerusalem prays whilst Tel Aviv plays. It is a very hedonistic City.

### **Pray for believers in Israel**

There has been a definite increase in persecution over recent months towards Messianic believers. We have featured this in our April magazine. We hope that you have had a chance to read it, please contact the office if you need a copy.

**Please pray** that this harassment by some Ultra-Orthodox will stop.

**Please pray** that the police will take decisive action to protect the believers.

**Please pray for growth** – as we know from the book of Acts, when the religious authorities tried to stop the believers, the church grew.

**Please pray for the perpetrators** – In line with scripture we must pray for those who persecute us. They are our people and we love them.

### **The UK Church**

There are many denominations and church streams in the UK. Please pray for them, they have influence in many of our churches. **Pray** that they would wake up to a realisation of the purposes of God in Israel.

**Pray** for the leaders of denominations.

Here are just a few: The Church of England, Assemblies of God, Methodist, Baptist, Church of Scotland, Elim Pentecostal, Church of God of Prophecy, Catholic, United Reformed Church, Apostolic, Quakers, Presbyterian, New Frontiers, Congregational, Quakers, Orthodox and other charismatic and evangelical churches.

**Please pray** for these different groups and their leaders to be open to teaching on Israel.

### **Prayer focus**

**Istandwithisrael Passover Project** We featured this project in last weeks prayer letter and would ask that you continue to pray for it as Passover week starts. This week we will be sending the vouchers out and connecting with families all over Israel. We know of many families through our network so we can make a judgement on whom needs the most urgent help.

**Please pray** that we would be able to raise sufficient funds from our worldwide Maoz family to be able to help many during this time.

**Please pray** for these families, non-believers will benefit from the Passover fund as well, pray that this act of kindness will lead to their salvation.

**Pray for** Messianic families to see the Lords provision during this time.

**Continue to pray for the health of your local village, town and community. Pray for local services, for key workers in your area. Pray for your local hospitals and health systems.**

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## **Maoz Israel UK Weekly Intercessors letter – 15-21 April 2020**

In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.” Isaiah 19:24-25

### **Pray for Israel neighbours.**

It's only 300km from Jerusalem to Damascus. Often unrest from neighbours in the North spill over into Israel. The ongoing Syrian civil war means that the IDF always have to be on the watch for stray, and sometimes intentional, missiles.

Hezbollah in Lebanon have thousands of missiles pointed at Israel and have often threatened to use them. The borders with Egypt and Lebanon are relatively peaceful although terrorist groups are known to be operating in the Sinai who Egypt are trying to neutralise.

**Please pray** for continually improving relations with Jordan and Egypt.

**Pray** for the stability of governments in all our neighbours

**Pray** that Egypt will be successful in stopping terrorist cells in Sinai.

**Pray for Lebanon.** They have severe problems with their economy, and the current virus will make that worse. There have been riots, many cannot access their money from their banks, and the Lebanese government are seeking to restructure their massive debt. There is a real danger that Lebanon could fall into chaos.

### **Please pray for Maoz work in Israel amongst Arab people**

We support a number of projects, including a worker in the Palestinian territories who oversees educational and medical help for those in need, home visits and special sessions for families, food parcels and support for families with severely disabled children. Also help for those suffering domestic violence. It's a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Jesus.

Also, through our Fellowship of Artists project, we have been able to help the Sakhnini brothers to produce two music albums in Arabic for outreach to the Arabic speaking people in Israel, and further afield.

It's our joy to be able to help reach our Arab cousins, we also supported them in a concert in Nazareth, where about 500 people, mainly believers were in attendance.

**Please pray** for the Arab people of Israel. According to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics, the Arab population in 2019 was estimated at 1,890,000, representing 20.95% of the country's population. The majority of these identify themselves as Arab or Palestinian by nationality and Israeli by citizenship.

**Please pray** for the Palestinian Authority areas.

**Pray** for a release from corrupt governments and for democracy.

**Pray for Gaza,** the people are trapped and abused by Hamas, effectively a terrorist government.

**Pray** for the small community of evangelical believers. Thousands have left the areas because of persecution.

**Pray** for the Gospel to go out without hindrance.

### **Prayer focus**

Feed Tel Aviv – the feeding programme for the homeless in Tel Aviv that is supported by local congregations. It is a small shop unit in-between two very busy brothels and feeds hundreds of people every week. Because of the restriction they cannot receive the hundreds of guests who normally go there. However, they have been making sandwiches and taking them on the streets.

**Please pray** that they will be able to find those in need.

**Please pray** for the volunteers, that they will stay healthy.

**Please pray** for sufficient food. The homeless really appreciate the home-made food.

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## **Maoz Israel UK Weekly Intercessors letter – 22-31 April 2020**

Tuesday 21 April is Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Memorial Day. It begins at sundown on the 20 April in Israel. It's on this day that we pause to think of those who lost their lives in the holocaust but it is not a day of revenge, it's a day of remembering, of thinking of those who were lost but also of thanking God for those who stood against the Nazis and took action to protect and rescue Jewish people.

**Please pray** for this day

**Pray** that the lessons from the Holocaust may have impact across the world.

**Pray** for the next generation, our schools, colleges and universities, that appropriate events and education will happen there.

Read through Psalm 91 and declare the truths contained in the Psalm over Israel.

**Pray** the blessings that are contained there will be realised in Israel. In the Psalm God promises His Presence, protection and deliverance.

**The Fellowship of Artists**, based in our studio in Jerusalem, is a focus for many projects that are encouraging young musicians, singers and other creative people. We believe that this generation will rise up to be the psalmists of today, who will reach their generation for Yeshua.

**Please pray** for Kobi and Shani who oversee the studio

**Please pray** for the many musicians who benefit from the studio.

**Please pray** for the unbelieving Jewish people who visit the studio to use the facilities.

**Please pray** for our Music Making for Kids programme.

**Focus:** Sergei and Elka Babaskin, pastors of “Spring of joy “ congregation.

This congregation started as an outreach Centre in in 2017 and started functioning as a congregation in 2019, and now has about 40 people in the congregation.

Their goals are to reach unbelievers, with different projects, concerts, outreach bus tours, and ministry to holocaust survivors.

**Please pray** for Sergei and Elka – that God will give them wisdom and grace

**Pray for** their outreach programme

**Please pray for the Maoz UK trustees.** We have seven trustees, four in South East UK, two in Ireland and one in Israel. Please pray that the Lord will give them wisdom to govern and steer Maoz UK

**Please pray for Maoz UK staff**, Brian and Elizabeth, Colin, and Petra. May the Lord keep them healthy and focussed on His priorities.

**Please pray for Maoz Partners**, yes yourselves! Please pray the blessing and provision of the Lord for those who sacrificially give finances, prayer and time, to support the work of Maoz and Israel more generally.

### **UK specific prayer points**

**Pray for the UK Government.** They have had to deal with the massive implications of Coronavirus and its widespread impact on all areas of society. When the virus finally subsides there are going to have to be incredible financial decisions.

With the success of Brexit, and negotiations are still ongoing, much of these finances would have been spent on taking the United Kingdom forward.

**Please pray** Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak, the chancellor.

**Please pray** for the NHS, particularly all of the wonderful staff who have been on the front line of this epidemic.

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