

How to Bless Israel in Her Time of Greatest Need

Israel is experiencing her worst tragedy in decades, with October 7, 2023 being the deadliest day for Jewish people since the Holocaust.¹ And the situation on the ground in Israel is changing by the minute. The number of Israeli men, women, and children murdered, injured, or taken as hostages is staggering.

For all of us outside of Israel, we are left asking ourselves, *What can we do to help? How can we let the people of Israel know they are not alone? What are some of the ways we can make a difference right now?*

Here are some suggestions:

1. Stay up-to-date.

Look to reliable news sources, especially those with first-hand, on the ground perspectives. Look at *The Jerusalem Post*, *HaAretz*, *Arutz Sheva*, and *The Times of Israel*. As they're reporting from amidst the situation as it unfolds, they will be the most accurate sources for updates.

2. Inform others in your sphere of influence.

If you are Jewish, use your own voice to raise awareness among your friends, coworkers, and neighbors—not only about what's happening in Israel, but also what you're experiencing as a Jewish person living elsewhere. It affects us all. Whether through conversation or by sharing credible information on social media (see number one), you can make those around you more aware.

If you are a Christian, make sure your local church and/or small group is informed and positioned to help. Encourage your pastor to call local rabbis and offer support. Suggest that your church post something on their website and social media platforms to show they care. Mobilize your friends to pray and give to relief efforts. And make sure to let your Jewish friends know that an attack on Israel is personal to you and that you grieve alongside them.

3. Look for opportunities to stand publicly.

¹ JTA, <https://www.timesofisrael.com/was-hamass-attack-on-saturday-the-bloodiest-day-for-jews-since-the-holocaust/>, *The Times of Israel*, October 9, 2023.

It can be isolating to watch or read the news alone in our homes. Check online for local walks, vigils, and community acts of solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people. Find a way to stand with your community and show support to the Jewish people in Israel and around the world.

4. Pray.

Even if we're hundreds or thousands of miles away, we're not helpless. Prayer is a very practical way to help. "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." (James 5:16b ESV). The God of Israel is always present. Whether you are Jewish, Christian, or both, be assured that God is hearing the prayers you bring to His throne. Here are some things to pray for:

- Pray for the safety of those who have been taken hostage.
- Pray for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers in Gaza and the North who are routing out the Hamas and Hezbollah terrorists.
- Pray for recovery for those who have been wounded by rocket fire and face-to-face attacks by the terrorists.
- Pray for Gaza and its liberation from the influence of Hamas.
- Pray for calm and peace for innocent civilians who are terribly frightened.
- Pray for provision for those whose homes were destroyed by bombs.
- Pray for the safety and security of every Jewish person globally.
- Pray for hope for Israel, that their eyes would be fixed on the God who saves.

5. Support.

You can help us right now as we assist with relief efforts by [sending a donation](#). Our team in Tel Aviv has converted our ministry center into a crisis response facility, providing food, toiletries, medical supplies, and more to those in dire need. We also have a station set up for mourning and prayer. Our team on the ground is also delivering care packages to Israeli soldiers with everything from socks and underwear to jackets and bulletproof vests. Make a difference in Israel with a special gift, and support those in need from afar.