



Prayer Calendar nr. 83, from December 1st 2018- February 28th. 2019.

'How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those that bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"' Isaiah 52: 7.

1) 'For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is LORD of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.' (Romans 10:12,13). In our prayer for reconciliation between Jew and Arab we thank God, Creator of heaven and earth that He is the same for all of his created beings. Salvation is only by grace and faith in the reconciliation God gives through the sacrifice of Jesus. We thank God that He has a purpose for all peoples in His plan in building his Kingdom.

2) 'Therefore, my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.' (Isaiah 52:6). We praise God for his promise and that He makes Himself known to his people Israel. Today also Jews are hearing about Jeshua the Messiah. We pray for open hearts. We bless all who share the message of the Bible.

3) We pray that the people of Israel 'reach its purpose according to the plan of God for them: the priesthood for all peoples. Zion means: 'excellent, light giving, sign elevated above all'. We bless the Messianic Jews who have already taken up this task and bring great sacrifices to do so. We thank God that they bring a message of salvation, of Jeshua, wherever they go.

4) 'When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.' (Proverbs 16:7). We pray for the government of the State of Israel and for the local officials, that they will receive wisdom and insight in governing the society and that they ask for God's help. We pray that when they take decisions, they will realize that the God of Abraham has given them the land and the responsible task so that they will consult Him in every step they take.

5) (AL) God has done miracles and heard many prayers! The 'House of Hope' community and two daughter communities have been reopened last summer after having been closed by the government. A court-case was won against the governor of the province in Kabylia and the construction of the study centre can be taken up again. Believers in

Algeria thank everyone who has been praying for them. There are some communities in Kabylia still closed, so prayer is asked for that situation.

6) (AL) A testimony from Ahsen: "I come from a very poor family. Poverty was a handicap in my life. During the summer-camp God showed me how rich I am in Jesus. Now poverty does not rule my life anymore and I am full of joy! I have dedicated my life to serve Jesus my Saviour." We thank God for his liberating work, ransoming us from captivity to this difficult society. During the summer-camps ten new believers have been baptized!

7) (AL) Prayer is requested for permission for the Bible-society to import Bibles into Algeria.

8) (MO) 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.' (Psalm 46:10,11). With this verse workers ask us to pray that God will give a break-through among the different peoples in Morocco. Many believers experience that the government is watching them more intensely. They feel oppressed by their family and see no fruit upon their testimony. They realize that a break-through must be obtained in the heavenlies.

9) (MO) Worship in one's own language has a great impact. A new Amazigh believer listened to worship-songs on the website and when he was asked to lead the worship in a home-community he taught the whole group this new song. We also know of a Muslim watching a Psalm-videoclip on Facebook and was very moved by it. He started to ask questions to a local believer. We thank God for the impact of music in the local language and pray for much fruit.

10) (MO) Prayer is asked for the brother who handles the social media in Amazigh. Last September the You Tube channel on the website in Amazigh was watched by an explosive number of people. We pray for the contacts by social media, that it will bring rich harvest out of the extensive sowing.

11) (MAU) Entire families live together in big houses with many rooms around a courtyard. This gives protection and family care but also social control. When someone in the family has a job, his income is shared by the whole family. Children are kept from going to school in order to help generate an income. The head of the family decides what has to be done. We therefore pray that entire families will come to faith, because one person alone is not able to persevere. 'Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who builds his house on the rock.' (Matthew 7:24).

12) (MAU) Among black Africans divorce is a common thing, among the Moors it is even more so. A man is allowed to divorce his wife to remarry four to five times. This generates a very insecure feeling among the women and they seek help from sorcerers and witches. They buy amulets to try to prevent their husband to see other women. We pray for young believing families to be a witness by staying faithful to their partner and to be an example to their children. We pray for good Bible-teaching.

13) (MAU) 43.000 persons in this nation are the personal possession of a master. Some organisations say that 20 % of the population live in slavery. These persons are sold, pawned or given away. They work in households, receive no salary, have no access to schooling, are not allowed to marry and are sexually abused. This has been concluded in a recent research. Texts from the Koran are intentionally misinterpreted to say that if a person leaves slavery he will burn in hell forever. We pray for Birham Dah Abeid who with danger for his own life fights for freedom of thought. He says: Slavery is in your mind, it is passed by from mother to child. We pray that the dominant caste, the Beydane, will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

14) Incredible need and suffering exist among the Yemenites while their country is used by rivalling Islamic parties to fight for dominance. We pray for this people where the situation is so bad most aid-workers are not able to do their job. We pray that there will be feet to bring the joyful message of salvation and bring food and medicines. We also pray that born-again Yemenites, living outside Yemen will be prepared by God to enter the country whenever possible to form home-communities.

15) We bless Egyptian believers, who with danger for their own lives support Messianic Jews and serve God in working for reconciliation between Messianic Jews and Egyptian churches. It is our prayer that more and more Egyptians will discover the Word of God and the place God has given to Israel in his plan to save the world.

16) We pray that God will bring the destination He has for the land of Saudi-Arabia to reality. Our Saviour, sitting in the throne in the heavenlies has all power over the realm of darkness. We praise God that He has defeated the evil powers over this land and we pray for a break-through of the Word of God among the population. We bless all who reach out to proclaim the Gospel to this people.

17) We bless the Messianic Jews who, with danger for their own lives, through the Spirit of the LORD 'preach the good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and comfort all that mourn' (Isaiah 61:1,2) among refugees in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. We pray that they, in all brokenness, will understand that they do this as image carrier of the Messiah, receive strength daily and do not have to worry about finances.

18) We pray for Damascus, laying in ruins, where some people return to try to build up an existence. We long to see that among the returnees there will be Syrians who have come to know Jesus during their flight, that they will bring with them the message of salvation, of Jesus, the good news and show it in their behaviour. We believe that God will do an irreversible work in the hearts of this people.

19) Amman, the capital of Jordan still refers to the Ammonites. We pray for the city of Amman where Islam is the dominant religion. We pray for the evangelical churches present, that they stand firm under government pressure and bring a testimony by their resolution and the good message of Jesus. We bless the leaders that maintain relationship with Messianic Jews, which can easily be misunderstood.

20) Many Christians have fled Iraq. We pray for the Iraqi refugees that they will read the Bible, will be born-again and that God will send them to Muslims in their homeland to bring the Gospel. We pray for an awakening among the population.

21) One in three inhabitants of Lebanon is a Syrian refugee. Palestinian refugee-camps also are kept in place. This causes a great pressure upon the population, they can no longer be bothered about it and look away from the reality. The inhabitants of these camps are extremely poor. We pray for the few believers helping out in the camps and the communities to take the courage to pray for this situation and to give support. May their testimony be strong and may they see fruit on their work.

22) We pray for the home-communities on the Westbank that they experience in all pressure that 'the love of the LORD supports them when they say "My foot is slipping"' (Psalm 94:18) and that they will be comforted by the Word of God in all pressure. May they read about the plan of God for the people of Israel and cherish it in their hearts because of His holy Name.

23) We bless the Palestinian Bible Society in making the Word of God available, for instance for interested persons in Gaza. They make MP3 on solar energy available to spread the Word of God in a context that the Palestinians are able to understand. We thank God that this access is possible to the message of salvation in Jesus for common civilians among Palestinians. We pray that it may generate peace, in their own hearts, in their family and society and also concerning Israel.

24) Our deep longing and God's is, that the Jews still living in North-Africa will make aliya. We pray for the Jewish communities living in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia and proclaim that now is the time to return to the land once given by God to the people of Israel. We pray that all ties which hold them back, like tradition, idleness, or the guarding and maintaining of old synagogues and tombs of saints will not hold them back to hear God's voice and obey.

25) (LI) We plead to God because of the sacrifice of Jesus that his Spirit will come over this nation and that a deep longing will enter the hearts of this population to know the Truth and that they will see that there is no salvation and future in their religion. We pray that God will do a mighty work via internet and satellite-tv. Thank God for the possibilities to cross all borders.

26) (LI) A lot of Libyans flee to the south of Tunisia or to the island of Djerba for medical help and food. Teams of North-Africans are working there to reach out to them with the Word of God. We pray for great openness and for many Libyans to become born-again and disciples so that they, in due time, can bring the Gospel to their own land and people-group.

27) (LI) We pray for the Libyans who believe in the God of the Bible: 'Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.' (Proverbs 3:26).

28) (TU) Last summer an outreach took place by North-Africans on the island of Djerba. They had good opportunities to share the news of Jesus with Tunisians and Libyan refugees. Some of them were very surprised to hear about the salvation-plan of God. North-African believers feel inspired by the Lord to live on Djerba for a longer time-period, to serve with those who already work there. We pray together with them that home-communities will be formed.

29) (TU) We present the province Mednine in the south of the country to God and plead with Him that people will be called to be a witness in this region. We also pray for the Amazigh people living there. Prayer is asked that the translation of a part of the Bible in their dialect will be ready soon. It is already in progress and we ask for God's blessing in every phase.

30) (TU) 'You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me.' (John 5:39). We pray for the Jews that when they read the Tenach, the Old Testament, their eyes will be opened so that they recognize the Messiah in Jesus. We pray for B. and R. and their (grand)children.

31) 'Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labour in the LORD is not in vain.' (1 Corinthians 15: 58). We know that occupying our place in the heavenlies, before the throne of God, will give victory because we are covered by the precious blood of the sacrifice of Jesus, shed forever. We are so grateful that you too are available to-day to build the Kingdom of God on earth.