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IT IS TIME to say, "Yes, Lord," and hear His voice in His Land! Experience the adventure of a lifetime as you join us on our 2012 "Sound the Shofar" Mercy Mission to Israel.

Blessings as we enter 2012!

Pray!

There is a verse in the New Covenant that explicitly states the will of God for all believers in the Messiah Yeshua: "**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**" (I Thes. 5:17). Without an understanding of the Jewish roots of our faith, this could lead to mechanical, rote prayers mumbled mindlessly throughout the day. The Jewish context of the Apostle Paul's (Rabbi Saul's) exhortation, however, is the practice of pronouncing blessings (*b'rachot*) for everything that comes from the hand of a loving God. God is blessed and thanked on countless occasions, such as when seeing a rainbow, reading a good book, meeting a new friend, going on a journey, or experiencing snow for the first time. This traditional form of Jewish prayer, still practiced today, includes a *b'racha* for almost every conceivable situation. God is acknowledged as the Source and Giver of all. It is man's duty to thank Him continually; in fact, it is considered robbery if one enjoys something but does not bless God for it!

The Lord wants us to enter 2012 PRAYERFULLY, acknowledging Him in all our ways (Prov. 3:5-6) and giving thanks to His Holy Name because He is Good, and He holds the year 2012 in His hands. The number 12 in Scripture is the number of Divine government and apostolic fullness. Worldly governments may tremble and fail in 2012, but God's government will thrive. His Kingdom is at hand. The true "government" is upon the shoulders of the Messiah (Is. 9:6), and our King will one day rule and reign forever from His throne in Jerusalem (Zech. 14:9; Rev. 11:15).

In Psalm 34, we find King David in great distress, running for his life, yet praying a prayer of blessing and praising God. This is our model for 2012:

*I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear of it and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.
I sought the LORD, and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears.
They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed.
This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them.*

Pray Throughout the Day

Many years ago, we put together a Prayer Schedule based on both traditional Jewish and New Covenant prayers and times of prayer. We felt it was time to present it again, encouraging us all to "take time to be holy, speak often with our God." This schedule is just a suggested format, not a ritual. Prayer, in the Jewish understanding, is the "service of the heart." It's all about the heart! Certainly, in the New Covenant understanding, prayer must be from the heart, led by the Holy Spirit, offered in faith, using the powerful name of Yeshua. We like what the great revival evangelist Charles G. Finney said about prayer: "You are not to pray for a thing once, then cease, and call that the prayer of faith. Look at Daniel. He prayed twenty-one days and did not stop until he obtained the blessing. God will grant answers to prayer when prayer is persistent." **[How to Experience Revival]**

6:00 AM: "Blessing the Creator" (*Birkat Yotzer*): This early morning Jewish prayer emphasizes a basic tenet of the Jewish faith: God is the Creator of the universe and everything in it. We have found that God delights in imparting His creativity to those who diligently seek it. But first, we must praise Him for His great creativity! (Jamie compliments God on every flower, tree, and bird that she sees. He enjoys it. ☺) The Lord has creative solutions, ideas, experiences, and surprises for YOU in 2012. Begin your day by praising Him for the world He created—and for His "new creation:" YOU.

7:00 AM: "Blessing of Great Love" (*Ahavah Rabbah*): This second traditional Jewish morning prayer relates to God as a Father and Teacher, the One who chose Israel to receive His Torah, the God of pure love (Deut. 7:7-8). As believers in Messiah, we too can pray: "With great love did Thou love us, O Lord our God, with great and abundant compassion did Thou have mercy on us, Our Father, our King...Unite our hearts to love and revere Thy name...We shall rejoice and be glad in Thy salvation." In 2012, let us ask God daily to fill our hearts with His pure, divine, unconditional love.

8:00 AM: The "Shema:" *Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad*. Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!" (Deut. 6:4) The "Shema" is the first prayer that Jewish children are taught to say. It is also the last utterance of martyrs, and the historic proclamation of Judaism's central creed. As Messianic Jews, we also pray the "Shema"—at every service. We believe in ONE GOD, who manifests Himself in three ways. We do not worship three gods, as some assume. When Yeshua was questioned concerning which of the commandments was the greatest, He responded: "*Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad*" (Mark 12:29). He then continued with..."*And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart...*" (vs. 30). Pray that Israel hears the truth about ONE GOD and about Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel, and the entire world.

9:00 AM: The "3rd hour of the day," spoken of frequently in the Holy Scriptures. 9:00 AM was an important hour for prayer. It was at this time that the followers of Yeshua were praying together in unity when God sent His Ruach upon them during the Feast of Shavuot (Acts 2). Pray for a great outpouring of the Spirit of God on the Bride of Messiah and the House of Israel. These are the days of Joel 2:17-21!

10:00 AM: Psalm 112:6 says: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. *They shall prosper that love thee.*" Jerusalem needs our prayers now more than ever! In the traditional *Amidah* Prayer (the heart of every Jewish prayer service), there is a prayer concerning Jerusalem called "*Birkat Yerushalayim*" which includes: "To Jerusalem Thy city, return with compassion, and dwell within it as Thou promised. Rebuild it soon in our days—an everlasting structure: And speedily establish in its midst the throne of David..." As believers in God's Word and in His Messiah, we should pray daily for God's shalom to fill the hearts and minds of both Jews and Arabs. Pray for a revelation of Yeshua through dreams, visions, and the Word. Pray for an undivided Jerusalem. Pray against acts of terrorism. Pray for Israel's leaders, especially Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, for strength, wisdom and divine guidance. Pray that the U.S. does not turn its back on Israel. Pray that the lies of the enemy concerning Israel are exposed, and that believers and pre-believers worldwide recognize the truth about Israel! PRAY WITH US AT THE WESTERN WALL IN JERUSALEM FROM AUGUST 26 TO SEPTEMBER 7, 2012! This year's Mercy Mission will be especially timely and prophetic.

11:00 AM: Pray for leaders: family, congregation and governmental. Pray for a deep revelation of the "*yirat hashem*," the fear of the Lord. Pray for "*hochmah*," wisdom. Pray that those in authority over us come to know God and obey Him! (1 Tim. 2:1-4). Pray in secret to our Father in Heaven, praying for His Kingdom to come, and His will to be done...in earth, and in us (Matt. 6:6-13).

12:00 PM: Noon: This 6th hour of the day can be a time of special rest and communion with God. The Lord can meet with you at lunch time as you seek His face in prayer. God is able to make His flock rest at noon (Song of Songs 1:7)! He can even give visions at noon, as when the Apostle Peter went up on a housetop to pray, at about the sixth hour (Acts 10:9-16). Consider fasting lunch from time to time and dedicating that time to prayer, expecting to hear from heaven!

1:00 PM: The Brit Hadasha records a HEALING at the 7th hour (1:00 PM). Yeshua's second public miracle. A nobleman's son was healed when the Messiah spoke a word of healing at a distance (John 4:46-54). Yeshua is the same today. He is still healing bodies and souls. Pray for God to manifest His power through healing miracles as the Good News is shared with the House of Israel. Believe for healing in your life as well!

2:00 PM: Pray against the spirit of anti-Semitism that is increasing worldwide. Pray against the vilification of Israel, that nations will cease their boycotting, divesting, and delegitimizing of Israel. This is a satanic agenda! Pray for eyes to be open concerning the truth about Islam. (Whenever Islam is the predominant religion, Jews and Christians are persecuted, tortured, and murdered.) We are living in the days of Psalm 83:4: *"They have said, 'Come and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.'"* Remind God of His promises concerning Israel, including Jeremiah 31:35-37.

3:00 PM: This 9th hour of the day is an hour of VICTORY and MIRACLES. It is also a traditional Jewish hour of prayer. In Acts 3:1, we read about Peter and John going up to the temple at the "hour of prayer," the ninth hour. God used them in healing a crippled man. In Acts 10:30, Cornelius, a gentile God-fearer, was praying at 3:00 PM when an angel appeared to him. *"And about the ninth hour, Yeshua cried out with a loud voice, saying 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachtani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?'"* (Matt. 27:46). *"And Yeshua cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit"* (Matt. 27:50). A miracle directly followed: the massive veil of the temple in Jerusalem split in two from the top to the bottom, opening the access to the *Kodesh HaKodashim*, the very presence of God. Yeshua's death on the tree brought life to the entire world. Pray—for miracles, salvations, and victory at 3:00 PM!

4:00 PM: At this 10th hour of the day, Andrew said to his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah." These were the first Jewish men to become talmidim of Yeshua. Pray for Jewish people worldwide to find their Messiah, and to bring their "brothers" with them (John 1:35-42).

5:00 PM: This 11th hour of the day is the time when the last laborers were called into the vineyard in the parable of Matthew 20. Pray for those who God is calling in this eleventh hour. Ask God to lead you to these open hearts. Pray for the Jewish senior citizens with whom we are in contact. Neil often gets calls from Jewish believers whose elderly parents are near death and desire a visit from a rabbi. Neil or both of us visit, and many pray with us to receive Yeshua. Neil often conducts their funeral. Not long ago, a Messianic Jewish friend of ours lost her mother, who received Yeshua in her final days. The mother's mother, in her 90's in a nursing home in Boston, wanted a rabbi to say the traditional Kaddish prayer with her for her daughter. No rabbi would come. Neil called Naomi on the phone, prayed with her, said Kaddish, and then led her to Yeshua. Please pray for us: the harvest is ripe!

6:00 PM: Pray for the hungry, the homeless, and the hurting in your community and throughout the world. Pray before you eat dinner, not blessing the food, but blessing God for the food. *"Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam Hamotzi Lechem min haaretz."*

7:00 PM: The Kaddish, an Aramaic prayer recited seven times a day in traditional Judaism and several times by a mourner, means "Sanctification." It is a prayer exalting God and was originally recited by a teacher or preacher at the end of his discourse. The Kaddish contains ten expressions of praise of God: exalted (twice), sanctified, blessed, praised, glorified, extolled, honored, elevated, and lauded. Praise and worship the Lord, following this tradition. Our God is worthy of all our praise!

8:00 PM: Ask the Lord to help you pray with "kavanah" (kah-vah-NAH), the Hebrew word for focus, direction, and intent. To pray with kavanah is to pray with spiritual zeal, to passionately desire to know God and hear from Him. This attitude of the heart also includes reverence for God and a shift of focus from self toward God. It includes concentration, lack of distraction, and having a sense of standing in the presence of God. May we give God our best efforts in prayer at **all** times.

9:00 PM: During this 3rd hour of the night, the Apostle Paul was rescued from a plot to kill him (Acts 23:23). God is our defense as well! He gives His angels charge over us (Ps. 91)! Praise and thank our Father for the "*malachim*" (ma-la-KHIM) who guard and protect us, our loved ones, and the nation of Israel. Pray for special angelic forces to move among the soldiers of the IDF in Israel, and to protect the borders of both Israel and the United States.

10:00 PM: "Eternal Love" (Ahavat Olam): In this traditional evening blessing, God is thanked and praised for His everlasting love for His people (Jer. 3:2) and for the life-sustaining power of the Torah. Since Ahavat Olam concludes with an acknowledgement of God's love for His people Israel, it is an appropriate preface to praying the Shema that exhorts God's people to love Him. This affirms basic truth throughout the Holy Scriptures: We love God because He first loved us!

11:00 PM: "Cause Us to Lie Down" (Hashkiveinu): This prayer is said after the evening "Shema." Included in this prayer is a request for the enemy to be rebuked: "Remove the adversary from before us and from behind us. Shelter us in the shadow of thy wings." God is addressed as AVINU, our Father, in this prayer, giving a sense of security, with God like a father, cradling us in His arms as we retire for the night. In the Name of Yeshua, bind the forces of the enemy that would try to keep God's people from lying down in peace. Loose the grace of God and His shalom shalom over all.

12:00 AM: MIDNIGHT: Deliverance! God smote the firstborn of Egypt at midnight (Ex. 12:29). Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God at midnight and were supernaturally set free from prison (Acts 16:25). Jewish bridegrooms came to claim their brides at the midnight hour (Matt. 25:6). We are now in the midnight hour of history, waiting for the cry, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him!" Pray for God to prepare us for that glorious day. Pray with the psalmist: "At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous judgements..." (Ps. 119:62).

1:00 AM on... "Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord..." (Lam. 2:19).

To the Jew First

May you order your praying and giving according to God's priorities as we enter 2012: "...For the Jew first..." (Rom. 1:16). God promises to bless those who bless His people Israel (Gen. 12:3). May all our faithful Jewish Jewels partners be abundantly blessed in 2012. May the Lord surprise you with unexpected provision and delights!

Love in Yeshua,

Ned & Jamie

P.S. IT IS TIME to welcome some new PRAYER ROSES - those who God leads to intercede for Jewish Jewels. If that is YOU, please indicate so on the enclosed card.

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TUE 6:00 PM	AK	North Pole	KJNP TV 4
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THU 11:30 AM	FL	Miami/Ft. Laud.	WHFT TV 45
SUN 1:30 PM	FL	Tallahassee	WVUP TV 45
SAT 10:30 PM	FL	West Palm Beach	WFGC TV 61
SUN 2:30 PM	GA	Columbus	WYBU TV 16
SUN 1:30 PM	IA	Dubuque	KFXB TV 40
SUN 1:30 PM	MO	New Bloomfield	KNLJ TV 25
SUN 4:00 PM	NJ/NY	NYC/New Jersey	WMBC TV 63

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 SUN 4:00 PM Ch. 93 or 900 - WMBC
 SUN 2:30 PM Ch. 376 - CTN (Christian Television Network)

Dish Network

SUN 2:30 PM Ch. 267 & 9399 - CTN (Christian Television Network)



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AT&T U-Verse

FRI 5:30 PM Ch. 575 - WORD Network

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FRI 5:30 PM Ch. 486 - WORD Network

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FRI 5:30 PM Ch. 386 - WORD Network

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