

~ Prayer for Israel ~
December 5, 2009 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Nebraska House of Prayer

HANUKAH

The feast of the rededication of the Temple after it was desecrated by pagan sacrifices in 167-166 BCE. *The God of Israel was blasphemed, His temple profaned, and His people brutally persecuted. All the scrolls of the law were sought out and burned. Any found in possession of Torah scrolls were killed. Mothers who had their sons circumcised were also put to death (Apocrypha book 1 & 2 of Maccabees). The Maccabean uprising represented Judaism's self-defense against the enforced 'Hellenization' carried out by Antiochus. "When he saw the sacrileges that were being committed in Judah and in Jerusalem, he said: "Woe is me! Why was I born to see the ruin of my people and the ruin of the holy city, and to sit idle while it is given into the hands of enemies, and the sanctuary into the hands of strangers?" 1 Maccabees 2:7 "yet I and my sons and my kinsmen will keep to the covenant of our fathers. God forbid that we should forsake the law and the commandments. We will not obey the words of the king nor depart from our religion in the slightest degree." 1 Maccabees 2:20-22 The Jewish martyrs preferred to give up their lives rather than deny their God and His law. (See Hebrews 11:35-38) Pure and holy olive oil was needed for the lamps in the Temple in order to rededicate it. The oil had to be brought from Galilee, and God miraculously made what consecrated they had last for the 8 days it took to bring more in. "The LORD said to Moses, "Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to keep the lamps burning continually." Leviticus 24:1-2*



Hanukkah begins at sundown December 11th and continues for 8 days

"It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." *John 10:22-24 NLT*

See: http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Winter_Holidays/Chanukah/chanukah.html

Advent - The Coming - Prepare the Way of the Lord - Birth of Messiah – Light of the World

Jeremiah 33:14-16 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." **Luke 2:11** "The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

Isaiah 11:1-10 "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. ...They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious."

Isaiah 40:1-11 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the

people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37; John 1:1-5; John 1:6-9; Isaiah 60:19-22; Romans 15:4-13; Psalms 43:3-6; Psalms 27:1-4; Psalms 119:105-106; John 12:35-36; Ephesians 5:6-14; Peter 2:5-9; Isaiah 60:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; 1 John 1:4-7; John 3:16-21; John 9:1-7; Luke 3:1-6; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 4:14-16; Isaiah 2:1-5; Luke 2:25-33

PRAYER POINTS:

1. For God's light, revelation, and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit during this Advent, Hanukkah, and Christmas season to break forth all over the earth opening the eyes, heart, and mind of the blind. "He guided them with the cloud by day and with **light** from the fire all night." *Psalms 78:14* "Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." *John 8:12* "The true **light** that gives **light** to every man was coming into the world." *John 1:9* "Put your trust in the **light** while you have it, so that you may become sons of **light**." *John 12:36* "I have come into the world as a **light**, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. *John 12:46* "the people living in darkness have seen a great **light**; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a **light** has dawned." *Matthew 4:16* "He redeemed my soul from going down to the pit, and I will live to enjoy the **light**." *Job 33:28* "Even in darkness **light** dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man." *Psalms 112:4*

2. To strengthen Jewish God fearing people and Christian believer's to have courage in these days to defend the faith, stand up for the God of Israel, and obey God's Word. "Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the **light** of the LORD." *Isaiah 2:5* "You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD turns my darkness into **light**." *2 Samuel 22:29* "The LORD is my **light** and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?" *Psalms 27:1* "The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving **light** to the eyes." *Psalms 19:8* "Send forth your **light** and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell." *Psalms 43:3* "Who is like you among the gods, O LORD— glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders?" *Exodus 15:11* "My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises." *Psalms 119:148* "Furthermore, we have **seen** with our own **eyes** and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world." *1 John 4:14* "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." *Matthew 5:16* "Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you." *1 John 2:15* "Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses." *1 Timothy 6:12* "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." *Romans 12:2* "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do **not** forget the things your **eyes** have **seen** or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." *Deut 4:9* "for the fruit of the **light** consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth" *Ephesians 5:9* "giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of **light**." *Colossians 1:12* "You are all sons of the **light** and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness." *1 Thessalonians 5:5* "**Light** is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart" *Psalms 97:11* "But if we walk in the **light**, as he is in the **light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." *1 John 1:7* "Anyone who claims to be in the **light** but hates his brother is still in the darkness." *1 John 2:9* "The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full **light** of day." *Proverbs 4:18* "For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a **light**, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life", *Proverbs 6:23* "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16* (The Hebrew term *mitzvah* has also come to express an act of human kindness.) "Remember those earlier days after you had received the **light**, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering." *Hebrews 10:32* "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his

wonderful **light**.” *1 Peter 2:9* “The people walking in darkness have seen a great **light**; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a **light** has dawned.” *Isaiah 9:2*

3. For God’s mercy to turn the enemies of God toward the Light of His only Son Jesus the Messiah “And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.” *John 3:19* “In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” *John 1:4-5* “Many are asking, “Who can show us any good?” Let the **light** of your face shine upon us, O LORD.” *Psalms 4:6* “The people walking in darkness have seen a great **light**; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a **light** has dawned.” *Isaiah 9:2* “Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the **light** of your presence, O LORD.” *Psalms 89:15* “Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out **from Zion**, the **word** of the LORD **from Jerusalem**.” *Isaiah 2:3* “The unfolding of your words gives **light**; it gives understanding to the simple.” *Psalms 119:130* “Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.” *Genesis 1:3-4* “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a **light** for my path”. *Psalms 119:105* “Send forth **lightning** and scatter {the enemies}; shoot your arrows and rout them.” *Psalms 144:6* “The **light** of the righteous shines brightly, but the lamp of the wicked is snuffed out.” *Proverbs 13:9* “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for **light** and **light** for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.” *Isaiah 5:20* “He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and **light** dwells with him. *Daniel 2:22* “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the **light** of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” *2 Corinthians 4:4* “but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to **light** through the gospel.” *2 Timothy 1:10*

4. For Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, leaders in Israel, God fearing Jewish people to turn back to the light and the truth of God’s word - Pray for Health, Safety, Family, Courage, and God Fearing Wisdom “If my people, who are called by my name, will **humble themselves** and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” *2 Chronicles 7:14* “Why are you like a man taken by surprise, like a **warrior** powerless to save? You are among us, O LORD, and we bear your name; do not forsake us!” *Jeremiah 14:9* “But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten.” *Jeremiah 20:11* “The nations will hear of your shame; your cries will fill the earth. One warrior will stumble over another; both will fall down together.” *Jeremiah 46:12* “You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into **light**.” *Psalms 18:28* “For with you is the fountain of life; in your **light** we see **light**.” *Psalms 36:9* “It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the **light** of your face, for you loved them”. *Psalms 44:3* “For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the **light** of life.” *Psalms 56:13* “By day you led them with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a pillar of fire to give them **light** on the way they were to take.” *Nehemiah 9:12* “Even now,” declares the LORD, “**return to me** with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Joel 2:12 Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘**Return to me**,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will **return to you**,’ says the LORD Almighty.” *Zechariah 1:3* “Though I scatter them among the peoples, yet in distant lands they will remember **me**. They and their children will survive, and they will **return**.” *Zechariah 10:9* “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his **promises** and loving toward all he has made.” *Psalms 145:13* “Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my **light**.” *Micah 7:8* “The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of **light**.” *Romans 13:12* “The **Light** of Israel will become a fire, their Holy One a flame; in a single day it will burn and consume his thorns and his briars.” *Isaiah 10:17* “Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to **light** what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men’s hearts.” *1 Corinthians 4:5*

5. For the church throughout the world, Israel, Nebraska – That the lie of replacement theology would be exposed, that all churches would return to the truth of the whole Bible, and that Christians would hunger for the Word of God and Light of the World once again. “The LORD said to Moses, “Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to keep the lamps burning continually.” *Leviticus 24:1-2* “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became

drowsy and fell asleep.” *Matt 25: 1-13* “Not one of all the LORD's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.” *Joshua 21:45* “For I tell you that Christ (the Messiah) has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs” *Romans 15:8* “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**”. *Isaiah 9:6* “a **light** for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” *Luke 2:32* “I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶And so all Israel will be saved,” *Romans 11:25-26*

6. For the Land of Israel – borders, people, their need for rain, the economy, the poor, that they would remember the works and promises of their God: “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a **light** for the Gentiles” *Isaiah 42:6* “I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into **light** before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.” *Isaiah 42:16* “I form the **light** and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things. *Isaiah 45:7* “he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a **light** for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” *Isaiah 49:6* “Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no **light**, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.” *Isaiah 50:10* “So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.” *Exodus 10:22-23* “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a **light** to the nations. *Isaiah 51:4* “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” *Isaiah 60:1-3* “The LORD is God, and he has made his **light** shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. *Psalms 118:27*

7. Peace of Jerusalem – For our Pilgrimage and Prayer Tour to Israel: “Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out **from Zion**, the **word** of the LORD from **Jerusalem**.” *Isaiah 2:3* “Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on **pilgrimage**.” *Psalms 85:5* “Look upon Zion, the city of our festivals; your eyes will see **Jerusalem**, a peaceful abode, a tent that will not be moved; its stakes will never be pulled up, nor any of its ropes broken.” *Isaiah 33:20* “I will rejoice over **Jerusalem** and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.” *Isaiah 65:19* “I will defend this **city** and save it, for my sake and for the sake of **David** my servant!” *Isaiah 37:35* “Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of **Jerusalem**! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, **the LORD, is in your midst**; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “**Do not fear, O Zion**; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.” *Zephaniah 3:14-17* “I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and **the Lamb is its lamp**. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.” *Revelation 21:22-24* “Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain. It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth. Like the utmost heights of Zaphon is **Mount Zion**, the city of the Great King. God is in her citadels; he has shown himself to be her fortress. When the kings joined forces, when they advanced together, they saw her and were astounded; they fled in terror. Trembling seized them there, pain like that of a woman in labor. You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish shattered by an east wind. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God: God makes her secure forever. Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness. **Mount Zion** rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments. Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers, consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation. For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.” *Psalms 48* “Pray for the **peace of Jerusalem**: “May those who love you be secure.” *Psalms 122:6*

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5