*“O our God, ...We do not know what to do—but our eyes are on You.” (*2 Chronicles 20:12 TLV)

**STAYING FOCUSED**

Have you faced a situation where the opposition was so great that you knew you could not survive it without God’s supernatural intervention? In 2 Chronicles chapter 20, King Jehoshaphat found the Kingdom of Judah in that type of predicament when three nations formed an alliance, gathered a vast army, and advanced to attack them. In fear of this great host, the King proclaimed a national day of prayer and fasting where men, women and children from every city gathered at the temple to call on God and ask for His help..

Jehoshaphat lead them in prayer, extolling God’s greatness and recounting the Lord’s mighty acts shown to their forefathers. The King reminded God of His promises to His Chosen People and petitioned Him to intervene on their behalf. Jehoshaphat acknowledged their helplessness and dependence on the Lord; they *focused* on God looking to Him as their only hope.  As the people humbled themselves before the Lord, the Spirit of God moved in that assembly. The Lord had mercy upon them and spoke powerfully through one of the Levites, Jahaziel. God assured King Jehoshaphat that He would be with them and that the battle belonged to the Lord. God gave them specific warfare strategies detailing *when* to go to battle, *where* to station themselves, and *how* the battle would be won. In response to the Lord's great mercy, the people bowed to the ground in worship and praised Him loudly.

The next morning as they marched to the battlefield, Jehoshaphat positioned the Levites in front of the warriors; they lead the procession singing and praising the Lord. While they worshipped, God caused the invaders to destroy one another. Just as the Lord had promised, their enemies were annihilated without Judah having to do anything! *T*he key to their deliverance was to remain *focused* on the Lord, not the circumstances around them. They needed to trust the Lord and follow His instructions explicitly. God’s strategies may sometimes be unconventional, but they are infallible.

Today Israel is a site of incessant conflicts. We are fighting COVID; sectors of society are clashing; political parties are battling, and enemies are firing missiles at us. We are in the middle of territorial wars, and around us are international disputes over waterways. Nations are eyeing Jerusalem hungrily, but we must *stay focused* on our protector!  We realize that the solution for lasting peace in these arenas can only come through divine intervention from the Prince of Peace. Until that time like King Jehoshaphat, we must continue to humble ourselves, pray, and acknowledge our dependence on the Lord. We must be obedient to His strategies.*“Oh, our God,...our eyes are on You.”*

**Let us look to God as we intercede for Israel**

● **Extol our God** for being in control of everything despite the conflict we see today. *“O Lord...are You not God in heaven? And do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand, there is no one able to take a stand against You.”* (2 Chronicles 20:5-6 TLV)

* **Beseech the Lord** to help Israel's leaders realize that only You have answers to the COVID crisis. Lead many of them to look to You for direction instead of depending on man. *“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.”*(Psalms 118:8-9 NASB)
* **Ask God** to send both physical and spiritual rain on Israel and to remove the famine of His Word. *“For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants.”  Isaiah 44:3*
* **Pray for** the Turkey/Israel situation. Turkish President Erdogan claims that Jerusalem belongs to them. Please ask the Lord to intervene for Israel and to guide the Believers in Turkey as they pray. *“For thus says the Lord of hosts,...for he who touches you [Jerusalem], touches the apple of His eye…’“ (Zech 2:8 NASB) “...I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made...for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2 TLV)*

●  **Bless God** for the reliability of His Word. We can trust that whatever He said will come to pass. "Lord*, your word is forever; it is firmly fixed in heaven.”* (Psalms 119:89 CSB)

**Our Dear Intercessors,**

Thank you for your willingness to remain focused on the Lord as an army of prayer warriors.  Like King Jehosaphat, we will say, *”“Oh, our God,...our eyes are on You.”*  He will once again give the strategy.

We are issuing a call to intercessors and worshippers to enlist in the *Israel Watch Prayer Network.* If the Lord is prompting you to  join us,  please visit our website at [https://www.cfijeruslaem.org/wall-of-prayer](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.cfijeruslaem.org/wall-of-prayer&sa=D&ust=1602674605363000&usg=AOvVaw3zIeUEy0tT91b2O825mGJk).

In His service,

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