

## PRAYER OF IDENTIFICATION By Daniel Juster

*The following prayer seeks to provide a foundation for corporate confession and intercession for congregations with regard to both our connections to Israel and the universal congregation of Yeshua (Jesus). It is a prayer that is reflective of what we believe to be the real central sins of both bodies which still hinder the fulfillment of God's purposes)*

Our LORD and Father, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, the God and Father of our LORD Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah, we come before you today to confess the sins of our peoples, the nation of Israel and the congregation of Yeshua (Jesus), the spiritual children of Abraham.

We are part of both, our lives are bound to their destiny; be merciful to us and grant us forgiveness. **As part of Israel we pray:**

For the sins we have committed through failing to accept Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah, our High priest, and our atonement for sin through His blood;

For the sins we have committed in not dealing honestly with the clear evidences for His Messiahship. For You O Lord have provided fulfillment of the prophecies of old, His supernatural resurrection, and continued miracles in His name even in our day.

For the sins we committed for rejecting the witness of the first century Apostles of Yeshua (Jesus), whose witness was confirmed with mighty signs and wonders.

Forgive us O LORD and restore us as Your people.

For the sins we have committed against You by replacing a personal relationship with You with religious ritual and self righteousness.

For the sins we have committed against You by making void the commandments of Your Torah through the commandments of men.

For the sins we have committed against You in rejecting the prophetic word of the Spirit for the majority opinion of our leaders.

Forgive us O LORD and restore us as Your people. For we who intercede have accepted Your revelation and humbly have received the salvation of Yeshua (Jesus).

For the sins we have committed in embracing secular philosophies and even in battling against Biblical standards in society.

Indeed for the presence in Jewry of all sorts of foreign views, even secular humanism, atheism, eastern methods of meditation, pantheism, materialism, hedonism and all manner of destructive philosophies.

For the sin of our blindness in not seeing that our dilemma as a people can be traced to the first century and our national decision concerning Yeshua (Jesus).

Indeed even the Talmud records that soon after the death of Yeshua (Jesus), the signs of Your acceptance of our Yom Kippur atonement were no longer present.

For the sins we committed in embracing war in the first and second centuries and for embracing false messiahs from Bar Kochba to Shabbatai Zvi, while not recognizing the Prince of Peace, Yeshua (Jesus).

For all of these sins, O LORD, forgive us and grant us restoration.

For the sins we have committed as a people through pride and arrogance.

Indeed for not noting, as the Torah teaches, that we were not chosen for our intelligence, righteousness, or numerical strength.

For the sins of not heeding the teaching of Your covenant signs of blessing and cursing so that we might know we were in error. We have used the sins of the Church to excuse our unbelief.

For the sins we committed in thinking we were free from idols when we have not loved You with all our hearts.

Indeed we allowed the subtle idols of materialism, lust, greed, pride, and tradition without faith and power to be as idols in our hearts.

We do now repent for our people and ask forgiveness. For we are not without hope. For You have promised that All Israel shall be saved. We shall yet say as a people, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD."

*We will look upon Him who we have pierced and mourn for Him.*

Then shall the great promise be fulfilled, a fountain shall be open for cleansing in that future great Yom Kippur.

*We will be regathered to our land in a greater Exodus, and the nations will come to Your light. There will be peace and deliverance from all our enemies.*

Then ten men will take hold of the robe of a Jew and say, let us go with you for we have heard that God is with You.

*In that day all nations shall celebrate the feast of Sukkot in Jerusalem. The Lord shall be King over all the earth and His name shall be one.*

## **PART II**

*(The second part of the prayer may be prayed directly after the first part or may be used at another time in the service or after a choral piece or hymn.)*

As part of the larger commonwealth of Israel, the Church, we pray:

*O* *LORD,*  
*forgive us our sins and grant us restoration;*

For the sins of rejecting the Jewish roots of our faith and adopting foreign ideas and concepts contrary to Your revelation;

For the sins of substituting pagan practices and days instead of Biblical feasts and holidays;

For the sins of unbiblical rituals and graven images in our traditions;

*Forgive us O LORD and cleanse us and grant us restoration.*

For the sin of anti-semitism and the persecution of Your ancient people, Israel. The anti-semitism that has been present in the Church has been a sin that has greatly thwarted Your purposes and has led to terrible evils.

Indeed for failing to stand with Your ancient people; for failing to defend them when perishing at the hands of Tyrants serving Satan:

For the sins of disobedience in not showing Israel Your love, power, presence and mercy;

Forgive us O LORD and cleanse us and grant us restoration.

For the sins of failing to intercede for the salvation of Israel and for rejecting our identity as grafted into a Jewish Olive tree.

For our not fulfilling Yeshua's command to love You with all, our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sins of following leaders in our midst who are lacking in morals and integrity;

Indeed, for failing to apply Your standards of discipline to those in serious sin and for failing to require *Your* standards for leadership.

Forgive us O LORD and cleanse us and grant us restoration.

For being enamored of personality and power; for replacing holiness as a test of true leadership and instead following those who put forth glitter and showmanship.

For the sins of accepting foolish ideas in our history which stated that Your gifts and power in manifestation were for another age.

For allowing foolish views into our denominations which taught that the Scriptures were not really Your fully inspired and trustworthy Word.

For the apostasy in so many of our congregations; for narrowness of mind in adhering only to our own limited group and rejecting others of Your people.

Forgive us O LORD, and grant Your true people full restoration.

For sins of prejudice of all kinds: for narrow legalism and critical spirits.

For the sins of our lack of love for the poor and needy of all kinds: for the lack of love for the sick and troubled.

Forgive us O LORD, and grant us Your restoration.

For the sins of coldness; for not intensely desiring revival in the power of Your Spirit.

For the unbelief that produces a lack of prayer for Israel's redemption and a great harvest of people from all nations.

Forgive us O LORD, and grant us Your restoration.

For the sins of building organizations, institutions, and programs without primarily emphasizing building healing communities of Love which extend Your Kingdom.

We pray with the hope of Your forgiveness: for Yeshua (Jesus) prayed that we would be one with His glory and power. Pour out Your Spirit on Your people and fulfill His prayer.

We pray with hope for the fullness of the Gentiles, for then all Israel will be saved as it is written. **"The gift and call of God to Israel is irrevocable."** Then will be fulfilled the prayer of Yeshua (Jesus), we will be with Him where He is, and the knowledge of the LORD will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. We pray all this in the name of Yeshua (Jesus), who was and is and is to come. Amen.