

## **A Call to Prayer--For Israel and the Peace Process**

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To our Jewish Unification family:

These days, as Secretary of State John Kerry is preparing to present a framework agreement to Israeli and Palestinian negotiators, the effort to attain a two-state solution is at a critical phase. I don't need to remind you, given all our True Parents' investment in MEPI, how important to God's providence peace in the Middle East is. Also, most of you understand that if these talks fail—and the deadline is only a few months away—the situation for Israel could become very challenging.

I encourage all of you to pray, because prayer is powerful and provides great leverage to God, True Parents and the ascended saints who are mobilized for peace. In case you haven't seen it already, there is an amazing testimony by Betty Tatalajski about Nelson Mandela, who says that the first person he met when he arrived in the spirit world was True Father, who took him around to see all the luminaries up there. She says that many of the top leaders in the ascended world, including Golda Meir, Abraham Lincoln, JFK and Yasser Arafat, are working together on the MEPI effort. Then she testifies to the power of the prayers of our European brothers and sisters at the Berlin Wall, whose intense prayer condition is what, in her words, "prayed down the wall."

I believe it is vital at this critical juncture that Prime Minister Netanyahu open his spirit to God's Will. So many indicators point to the possibility that he will reject Kerry's framework, caving in to pressure from his supporters on the right who are squawking in protest at the Secretary of State's efforts. He raises the sticking point of Israel as a Jewish state, but it need not be a problem at all if only Netanyahu would add that Israel would also pledge to protect its non-Jewish minorities. But I am concerned that this may be nothing but a smoke-screen to cover his real reluctance to come to any sort of agreement on a two-state solution. He knows it could weaken him politically, offend his settler constituency, and even require him to form a new coalition government if Bennett bolts and he has to bring in the Labor Party.

Netanyahu is also disadvantaged by his paternal upbringing. His father, Ben-Zion Netanyahu, had a view of the world that was black and white, Jews versus everyone else. That outlook is not helpful to viewing the Palestinians with respect as partners for peace.

I do not wish to preach my own views to you. I think that with sincere prayer you can come to understand how God is working in all this. I believe our prayers should aim to help Netanyahu, who sits in a key role to either advance or retard God's providence, to succeed in fulfilling his portion of responsibility.

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