

*My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth
... He who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

Psalm 121:2, 4 NIV



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Our dear Jewish brothers and sisters,

Regarding the severe suffering, loss, and grief brought on by the Hamas attacks on the 7th October 2023, we wish to send you our love and condolences. We are unable to truly comprehend the depths of the horrific journey that Israel and the Jewish communities around the world are currently experiencing.

Once again you were celebrating High Holy Days filled with music and dancing two and a half weeks ago, only to be awoken on Saturday morning to the horrors and atrocities carried out by Hamas' armed men on Israeli residents of all ages, from infants to the elderly.

We know that Israel and the Jewish communities around the world are in mourning, given many of you have relatives, friends, and co-workers who reside in Israel. Many of you have family members who have had to seek safety in bomb shelters when they hear the sirens, attending funerals for loved ones, or frantically waiting to learn where loved ones have been abducted to.

We pray all the more that the Eternal, the Almighty, will prove Himself as the Guardian of Israel and to all the Jewish people around the world, amid all the unresolved issues, ongoing tension and acute danger you face from within and without.

We want you to know that you have our full support and solidarity, and to be assured of our continuing thoughts and prayers for you all.

*May you find solace in your sorrow
and be strengthened in your pursuit of light.*

The Evangelical Sisters of Mary



Adonai,

May it be Your will that I lie down in peace
and rise up in peace.

Let not my thoughts, my dreams, or my daydreams
disturb me. Watch over my family and those I love.

O Guardian of Israel, who neither slumbers nor sleeps,
I entrust my spirit to You. Thus as I go to sleep,
I put myself into Your safekeeping.

Grant me a night of rest.

Let the healing processes that You have placed
into my body go about their work.

May I awaken in the morning,
refreshed and renewed to face a new tomorrow.

Hear, O Israel, Adonai our G-d, Adonai is One!
We praise You, Adonai, Whose shelter of peace
is spread over us, over all Your people Israel,
over every creation,
and over Jerusalem