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On This Day, 70 Years Ago, September 1, 1939, World War II Was Declared
Six Million Jewish Men, Women and Children Lost Their Lives

A PROSPECTUS OF TESHUVAH

The Forty Days of Repentance

TESHUVAH

A CORPORATE CALL TO REPENTANCE

The Elijah Voice - Preparing For The Coming Of The Messiah

The Prophet Isaiah gave a clear sign that would introduce the coming of The Messiah. At an appointed time, preceding The Messiah, a voice would come forth *Calling for Repentance*. John the Baptist was that Messenger; he was the Voice of Elijah, calling the people to repentance preparing the way for The LORD'S first coming. Is. 40:3; Matt 3:1-3; 11:10, 13-14; 17:10-13

The Apostles Peter and Paul both taught the *Call to Repentance* was a prophetic requirement before Messiah's first coming. "...after the baptism that John proclaimed: ... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power." Acts 10:37-38 "Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel." Acts 13:24; Isaiah 40:1-3

The Rabbis teach us, in major events, there will be a second that follows the first. Several passages support their insight as stated in Ecc. 1:9, "*What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done,...*" As it was in Messiah's first coming, the *Call to Repentance* went before Him so it will be at His second appearing. *Teshuvah* is an expression of the *Elijah Voice*.

The Prophet Malachi is clear, the *Elijah Voice* will precede the *Day of the LORD*. In other words, the *Call to Repentance* will precede The Messiah's second appearance introducing the *Day of the LORD*. Mal. 4:5

Jesus Said As The Days of Noah and Lot - So It Would Be at His Return

In Luke 17 our Savior clearly warns us that before His return the days would be like the days of Noah and as it was in the days of Lot in Sodom. The Babylonian *Talmud* (rabbinic commentary on Jewish tradition and the Hebrew Scriptures) sheds light and understanding concerning Noah's day and the days of Lot. For our understanding let us step back in time to the days of Creation. Twelfth-century *Torah* (Gen.- Deut.) scholar and Jewish sage Maimonides taught that Adam was created fully in the Image of GOD, a reflection of His attributes both masculine and feminine. When He created Eve out of Adam's side He assigned His masculine attributes to be reflected in Adam and His feminine attributes were assigned to Eve. From that point in time, men and women would come together in marriage, joining all of GOD's attributes into one flesh, to present a picture of Himself to the world. His purpose for marriage has always been to reflect the fullness of His character through the interaction between husband and wife. Thus a homosexual marriage disavows the responsibility of a man and a

woman to carry out our Creator's Image and purpose rather it creates a perverted picture of His nature.

Rabbis over a thousand years ago taught that Noah's generation was the most morally degenerate in all of human history; that violence was rampant and immorality raged unbridled all of which point to a very clear parallel between those days and today. According to Rabbi Aryeh Spero, Jewish-American commentator and radio host, the sages taught that it was actually homosexuality that moved that civilization beyond redemption. We are aware there were other periods of history when homosexuality was prevalent. What made the difference in Noah's day and other times? The Talmud teaches that, in Noah's day, certificates of marriage were being written for couples of the same sex! Sadly, the sins prevalent now in our society have also invaded the Church.

The text in Luke 17 points out they were eating, drinking, marrying and engaged in their daily business with no understanding of impending doom. We are quite sure it was the sin of sexual perversion that brought the destruction to Sodom and Gomorrah, but the question is, why was not the whole earth destroyed in Lot's day? The rabbis tell us it was because the sanctification of the homosexual relationship through marriage certificates that were issued only occurred during the time of Noah. How we need to seriously consider that such acts are occurring in our day.

What was missing in Noah's day? There was no fear of the LORD and thus there was no repentance. Therefore the judgments of the LORD fell on all humanity except for Noah and his family who feared and obeyed the LORD. We remember the words our Father recorded concerning those days, *The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.* Gen. 6:6

Teshuvah is a 40-day *Call to Repentance*, a time Christians can take up the *Call for Repentance* jointly with the Jewish community, confessing and repenting of the enormous sins mankind has committed against our Father, the Almighty Creator. In this manner, the Jewish and Christian communities act as two witnesses in the earth confessing and repenting of our sins and the sins of mankind. Teshuvah provides a Corporate Opportunity unequalled at any other time of the year. We have an opportunity to do that which was missing in the days of Noah and Lot. We can respond to the Call to confess and repent for ourselves personally and for our families, the Church at large, as a citizen of the United States and as a member of mankind inhabiting the earth. We can be an instrument to ease the pain our Heavenly Father experiences daily by the sins mankind commits against Him. May we be one of His children who bring joy to His heart even as Nehemiah, Ezra and Daniel when they personally entered into confession and repentance for their sins and the sins of Israel.

As Christians, we believe we are daily to confess and repent of our sins, so why should Christians observe *Teshuvah*? *Teshuvah* is a *Corporate Call to Repentance* preparing the way for the coming of The Messiah. The Apostle Paul's teaching parallels that of Rabbi Isaac Luria of the sixteenth century who gave instruction that *Teshuvah* is a corporate *Call*, that confession should be addressed in the plural. "*We say we have sinned, rather than, I have sinned? Because all Israel is one body and every one of Israel is a limb of that body; that is why we are all responsible for one another when we sin. So, if one's fellow should sin, it is as though one has sinned oneself.*" This principle is clearly seen in Daniel's saintly prayer in Daniel 9.

HISTORICAL

Teshuvah is the Hebrew word meaning Return/Repent. From a historical perspective, these forty-days of repentance commemorate the forty-days Moses was on Mt. Sinai after the sin of the Golden Calf when he received the second set of Tablets. According to Jewish scholars, Moses went up the mountain on Elul 1 and returned forty-days later on Tishri 10, Yom Kippur. Exodus 34

PROPHETICAL

First Thirty Days of Teshuvah

Preparing For The Coming Of The Messiah And
The High Holy Days, The Ten Days of Awe

Rosh Hashanah, translated as "*head of the year*" marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year. It is the Jewish perspective that on a given Rosh Hashanah, Tishri 1-2, The Messiah will come. Each year in anticipation of the coming of The Messiah, a thirty-day *Call to Repentance* begins the evening before Elul 1 on the Jewish calendar.

The first thirty days of Teshuvah are also in preparation for the High Holy Days. The Ten Days of Awe (in Hebrew *Yamim Noraim* Joel 2:11) begin on Rosh Hashanah, Tishri 1-2. The High Holy Days conclude nine days later with Yom Kippur on Tishri 10.

Rabbinical Teaching Concerning The Major Themes of Rosh Hashanah

Jewish New Year Begins (Civil Calendar)

The Creation of Adam on Rosh Hashanah - Tishri 1

Enthroning the LORD as King of the Universe

Three Pillars of Worship:

Malkhiyot - Kingships - Acknowledging God's Absolute Sovereignty in
the World.

Shofarot - Ram's Horn - God will sound the Shofar of Redemption -
Speaks of God as Redeemer

Zikhronot - Remembrances - Proclamation of God, Master of Absolute
Remembrance and Judge

A Call to Repentance

A Call to Awaken to Righteousness (Eph. 5:14)

The Heavens Open (Rev. 4:1)

The Day the Books are Opened (Dan. 7:10)

The Day Decrees are Written for the Coming Year

Yom HaTeruah - The Day of the Awakening Blast (I Cor. 15:52; Rev.4:1)

The Day Announcing The Messiah's Coming (I Thes. 4:16-17)

Yom HaDin, The Day of Judgment - The Day of the LORD

The Last Ten Days of Teshuvah

Rosh Hashanah is the first day of *The Days of Awe (High Holy Days)*. The Rabbis teach us on this Day the Heavens are opened and the Books are opened and the decrees are written for each person as they pass before the LORD. The ten *Days of Awe* remind us 30 days of the Repentance Season, *Teshuvah*, have past. We now have ten days left to humble ourselves and repent before the LORD and our fellowman, seeking forgiveness of our sins and forgiving those who have sinned against us. Through repentance and acts of charity, the decrees and judgments issued against a person can be changed. During these ten days, however, all decrees and judgments for the coming year are sealed at sunset on Yom Kippur, the 40th day of *Teshuvah*, with the blowing of the Shofar HaGadol,

The *Call to Repentance, Teshuvah* is both personal and corporate. During the days of repentance, observant Jews will go to the synagogue or assembly each morning where a *Call to Repentance* is sounded by the blowing of the Shofar. Therefore each year is a rehearsal in anticipation of the time The Messiah will come.

Yom Kippur is regarded as the holiest day of the year for the Jewish people. Throughout the entire world the Jewish people fast from sundown of the ninth of Tishri to sunset of the tenth. It is the concluding day of the period called Days of Awe (the last ten days of the Teshuvah period).

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can be changed. The decrees and judgments are sealed and the Books are closed at sunset on Yom Kippur with the blowing of the Shofar HaGadol

WHY SATAN HATES THE JEWISH PEOPLE - WHY FOR CENTURIES HE HAS SOUGHT THEIR ANNIHILATION

Why does Satan hate the Jewish people and for centuries has persistently tried to annihilate them? To answer these questions we have only to turn our attention to the provisions of the Major Covenants. Of the eight Major Covenants, two are to mankind in general while the other six were given to the descendants of Abraham, the Jewish people.

The Major Covenants:

Adamic - Given to Mankind in General - Gen. 3:15-19

The first provision and promise of the Adamic Covenant was spoken to Satan. Because he usurped the authority given to Adam, the LORD made a prophetic promise that One would be born of a woman who would bruise his head and he (Satan) would bruise His heel. Gen 3:15 (To bruise the head represents authority, to bruise one's heel would bring pain hindering one's walk for a period of time.)
Eve would suffer in childbearing - her desire would be to her husband.
Adam would work for his food and contend with natural obstacles.
Mankind would experience physical death as a result of their sin.

Noahic - Given to Mankind in General - Gen. 8:20-22

The LORD gave a promise to Noah that he would not destroy the earth with water again.
He gave the promise of seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, seasons, day and night would not cease.
The Rainbow is the sign of this Covenant.

Land of Israel - Given to Abraham and His Offspring - Gen. 15:18-21

The Covenant outlined the Land and the boundaries.

Abrahamic - Given to Abraham and His Offspring - Gen 17: 1-14

Abram's name was changed to Abraham as he would be the father of many nations. The Covenant provided for Abraham and his offspring to have the Land of their sojournings, Canaan, for an everlasting possession and the LORD would be their God.
The sign of the Covenant was circumcision (a blood Covenant).
In Gen. 12:1-3 the LORD promised Abraham:
He would give him a land and make of him a great nation.
He would bless him and make his name great.
He would make Abraham to be a blessing.

He will bless those who bless Abraham (descendants) and curse those who dishonor Abraham (descendants) and in Abraham all the families of the earth will be blessed.

Mosaic - Given to Moses and the Children of Israel - Exodus 19-20; Leviticus On Shavuot (Pentecost) 50 days after leaving Egypt - at Mt. Sinai Moses was given the Torah (Pentateuch) to give to the children of Israel: the history of man and LORD'S teachings for the Israelites - the Seven Festivals, instructions for worship, the Sabbath, His calendar, order of sacrifices, instructions to build the Tabernacle, blessings for obedience and curses and dispersion for disobedience.

Moabic - Given to Moses for the children of Israel for All Generations - Deut. 29-30 (Perpetuity - Deut. 29:12-15)
(The Mosaic Covenant did not provide for Return to the Land if the children of Israel sinned to the point that the LORD scattered them throughout the nations. At Mt. Moab just before Moses' death, He gave the Moabic Covenant to him to give to the children of Israel.)
The Moabic Covenant gives the promise of Return / Restoration of the children of Israel (Jewish People) to their promised homeland at the end of the LORD'S indignation. Dan. 8:19

Davidic - Given to King David, the Seed Line of Abraham - II Sam. 7:8-17
The Covenant made provision that:
David would be a prince over the LORD'S people, Israel - v. 8
The Israelites would have their Land, that no one would disturb them
and
He would give them rest from all their enemies - v. 10-11
He would make David a house - v. 11
"I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." - v.12
David's house, kingdom and throne would be forever. - v. 16

New - The Messiah of Israel Spoke the Covenant to His 12 Disciples (Jewish) - Matt. 26:17, 26-28; Mk. 14:17, 22-24; Lk. 22:14-20; I Cor. 11:23-26
At the crucifixion, Messiah's body was broken and Satan bruised His heel.

The shedding of His blood provided forgiveness of sin for all people who receive Him - Jew and Gentile. His death, burial and resurrection secures New Life for Believers. He bruised (crushed) Satan's head (authority).
Gen. 3:15; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3

Covenants Are Everlasting

The LORD's Covenants are eternal, everlasting. We can clearly see the first two Covenants given to mankind in general continue to exist today; so also do all six which the LORD gave to Abraham and his descendants. We can make serious errors interpreting the Scriptures if we are not well acquainted with the LORD's eight Major Covenants. When these are well established in our minds and our understanding we will have new eyes toward the descendants of Abraham, the Jewish people, as we read the Scriptures from Genesis to Malachi. The following scriptures are a few passages establishing the permanency of The Covenants.

Gen. 17:7, 13; II Sam. 7:12, 16; Ps. 89:3-4, 26-29; Ps.111:5, 9

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." Ps. 105:8-11 ESV

Why does Satan hate the Jewish people and for centuries has persistently tried to annihilate them? Because Abraham and his descendants were given all the promises of the coming Anointed One (The Messiah), The One who would come from the line of Abraham, the tribe of Judah, the seed line of King David to sit on David's throne ruling from Jerusalem to establish an everlasting kingdom that would be a blessing to all mankind. Gen. 49:8; Is. 9:6-7; Is. 11; Is. 49:1-7; Zech 14:1-9

In conclusion, we quote the apostle Paul from Rom. 3:1-2, *Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. Quoting Paul in Rom. 9:4-5 They are Israelites, and to them belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ (The Messiah). God who is over all be blessed for ever. Amen. RSV*

WHEN AND HOW THE CHURCH BECAME ANTI-SEMITIC

Christian scholar Dennis Prager and the renowned Rabbi Joseph Telushkin have co-authored three books relating to Christian-Jewish relationships. They record, “*Christianity did not create the Holocaust; indeed Nazism was anti-Christian, but it made it possible. Without Christian anti-Semitism, the Holocaust would have been inconceivable.*” It is hard to imagine any sincere Christian could read or hear such a statement and not be deeply moved to know the history behind these words.

Father Edward Flannery writes in his in-depth treatise, The Anguish Of The Jews, Twenty-Three Centuries of Antisemitism, “*The vast majority of Christians, even well educated, are all but totally ignorant of what happened to Jews in history and of the culpable involvement of the Church. They are ignorant of this because, excepting a few recent inclusions, the antisemitic record does not appear in Christian history books or social studies, and because Christians are not inclined to read histories of antisemitism. Jews on the other hand are by and large acutely aware of this page of history if for no other reason than that it is so extensively and intimately intermingled with the history of the Jews and Judaism. It is little exaggeration to state that those pages of history the Jews have committed to memory are the very ones that have been torn from Christian (and secular) history books.*”

Pursuing - When and How the Church Became Anti-Semitic?

In pursuing *When and How the Church Became Anti-Semitic*, we will find answers to our question by turning to the research of various scholars, Evangelical, Catholic, Jewish and secular historians who have addressed this subject. Secondly, it is necessary to observe the writings of the early Church Fathers to grasp the problem at a foundational level. Together these two sources will furnish the background and insights to help Christians become acquainted with the history of the anti-Semitism the Jewish people experienced over the centuries at the hands of the Church.

Israeli Statesman and Historian, Abba Eban, author of Civilization and The Jews, in summarizing Christian and Jewish relationship, states, “More than one writer has remarked that Christianity began as a Jewish sect. What, aside from belief in Jesus as the Messiah, served to distinguish these first synagogue-going Gentiles from the synagogue-going Jews? The truth is: nothing. For Gentile, as well as Jew, the Temple in Jerusalem was still the center of worship. Gentiles, as well as Jews, observed Jewish ethics, followed Jewish leaders, and hoped for deliverance by a Jewish Messiah. The astonishing thing is that within only a century, Christianity would blossom into a separate religion, and less than two centuries later would become the state religion of Rome.”

Author W. D. Davies, *The Gospel and the Land*, points out, "When the early Christians fled from persecution by the Romans, they sought refuge in the synagogues...When the tables were turned, Jews sometimes found safety in Christian churches too. But this cannot hide the fact that the persecution of the Jew was often the work of the Church." p.4

Background - The Separation of Gentile Believers From the Jews of the Temple

First Jewish Revolt - A.D. 66

The severe ongoing Roman persecution of the Jews drove the Zealots to revolt in A.D. 66. In retaliation, the Romans stormed Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in A.D. 70. This period marked the beginning of the Jewish Diaspora from Jerusalem and obviously halted regular Torah study for Believers under Jewish leadership at the Temple in Jerusalem.

Second Jewish Revolt (Bar Kochba Revolt) – A.D. 132-135

Steven T. Katz in addressing the separation between Jews and Christians writes, "There was no official anti-Christian policy before the Bar Kochba Revolt." Peter Richardson states, "The First Jewish Revolt had been a decisive turning point in the relationship of Judaism to Christianity. But the war of A.D. 132-135 was for all essential purposes the final major national blow that severed the two communities." A consensus of scholarship indicates there were several factors in provoking this revolt. The severe rule of the Romans contributed, but the immediate cause was more likely when the Romans made a prohibition against circumcision and forced other acts of Hellenization upon the Jews. Bar Kochba led the revolt against these prohibitions. He laid claim to being the Messiah and Rabbi Akiva (perhaps the most respected scholar at that time) upheld this claim. The Believers had but one Messiah, the risen Jesus (Yeshua) of Nazareth; therefore, their loyalty could not be with the Bar Kochba cause.

Separation Becomes A Breach

In the first century, the Apostles' success in reaching the Gentiles with the good news of Jesus (Yeshua) added another challenge for the Jewish leaders. Now, large numbers of Gentiles were filling the Temple in Jerusalem and the synagogues. After the death of the Apostles and by the time of the Second Jewish Revolt, 132-135 A.D., the believers were predominantly Gentiles. At that time, the leadership instructing the Believers changed from Jewish to Gentile. Dr. David Rausch points out that these leaders began to interpret the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem as a sign that GOD had *abandoned* Judaism, that He had provided the Gentiles freedom to develop their own Christian Theology, setting them free from Jerusalem's influence. "It is important to understand this change, because it influenced the early Church Fathers to make anti-Jewish statements."

The New Israel Emerges

Dr. Marvin Wilson writes, “Paul’s warning to Gentile Believers about pride went unheeded (Rom. 11:17-24). The Church had become overwhelmingly Gentile, so it reasoned that there was no more need for the support of the root, Israel. What presumption! Now, Gentiles claimed to have replaced Israel as the ‘new’ Israel; it becomes fully developed in the writings of the early Church Fathers. This replacement resulted in many institutions and concepts of Israel being de-Judaized or Hellenized by the Gentile Church.” Episcopal Bishop John Spong clearly states, “The Bible is a Hebrew book telling the story of a Hebrew people. Jesus was a Hebrew Lord.” David Freedman writes in *The Scrolls and the New Testament*, “The language of biblical religion is Hebrew, as the Dead Sea Scrolls have shown, not only for the sectarian Judaism of the first century B.C., but also for New Testament Christianity of the first century A.D.” But the Church Fathers in de-Judaizing the Scriptures stripped away the Hebrew, replacing it with the Greek, which caused people to miss the Jewishness of the Scriptures. David Rausch states, “Now theological and political power moved from Jerusalem to centers of Gentile-Christian leadership in Alexandria, Rome and Antioch.”

With this brief encapsulated background we need to integrate excerpts from the homilies that began to be taught, preached and written by the early Church Fathers who were giving leadership to the Church.

THE ANTE-NICENE CHURCH FATHERS

110 B.C.E. - 324 B.C.E.

Church Fathers Before the Council of Nicaea 325 B.C.E.

Clement of Alexandria: Some scholars credit Clement of Alexandria with writing *The Epistle of Barnabas* which explained, “... the Jewish sacrifices were abolished, their fasts not acceptable to God; and that Christians, not Jews, were actually the heirs of God’s Covenant with Abraham. To those who believed the Jewish people still had a future through the Covenant, the Epistle harshly stated: ‘Take heed now to yourselves, and not to be like some adding largely to your sins, saying, The Covenant is both theirs and ours.’ But they, [the Jews] thus finally lost it.” Dr. Rausch states, “This Epistle was highly regarded in the Church and was even included in some of the early canon lists.” Contrary to Clement’s writings, Rausch further states, “Reading between the lines, one notes the existence of Christians who believed that the Jewish people definitely had a future through the Abrahamic Covenant and were quite vocal about it.”

Justin Martyr: (140 C.E.) “Many in the church were not content with claiming an interest in the Jewish Scriptures, but proceeded to try to make the Old Testament the exclusive domain of the church. Justin Martyr, one of the greatest Christian defenders of the faith, took up this theme.” In his dialogue with *Trypho, A Jew*, Justin Martyr emphasized that, “What was of old and had belonged to Israel

was now the property of the Christians. The Jewish Scriptures were a central part of this transference. They are ‘not yours but ours.’ For the prophetic gifts remain with us, even to the present time. And hence you ought to understand that [the gifts] formerly among your nation have been transferred to us.”

Justin Martyr continued his remarks to Trypho, the Jew, “For the circumcision according to the flesh, which is from Abraham, was given for a sign; that you may be separated from other nations, and from us; and that you alone may suffer that which you justly suffer; that you may be desolate, and your cities burned with fire; and that strangers may eat your fruit in your presence and not one of you may go up to Jerusalem...”

St. Ignatius of Antioch sent his fervent letters to Gentile communities against Judaism stating there is no need of “obsolete practices” in Christian hope...he wrote to the Magnesians, “Christianity did not believe in Judaism, but Judaism in Christianity.” With this last observation and Barnabas’ theory of prefiguration, a fertile theme originated: that the Church is, and always was, the “true Israel.”

Tertullian of Carthage wrote, “The Jewish people no longer had any witness or truth. Their only reason to exist was to testify to the misery and degradation that befell a people rejected by God. The curses of the Bible were ascribed to the Jews; the blessings of the Bible to the Christians.”

Origen of Alexandria in the third century wrote, “These calamities the Jews have suffered, because they were the most wicked nation, which, although guilty of many other sins, yet has been punished so severely for none as for those that were committed against our Jesus.”

In the teachings of the Early Church Fathers, the “Christ-killer” theme permeated Church history - wreaking havoc on the Jewish community. Scholars acquainted with the historical period of the New Testament, point out that the Priesthood in Jesus’s time was illegitimate, i.e. they were appointed by the Romans or the office was purchased by the highest bidder. Therefore, they were illegitimate in that they were not of the line of Aaron. The Jewish Talmud (*Pesachim* 57) verifies these truths and records the cruelty of the priesthood at that time. It is important to remember that while the Jewish leadership sanctioned the death of Jesus, the Jewish people as a whole followed Him. At His first coming the Jewish people would have crowned Him King, as seen in His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, had He received their endorsement. However, at His first coming He did not come to be the King of Israel, but the Lamb of GOD that takes away the sins of the world. His Crowning Day as King of Israel awaits His second coming.

Fr. Edward Flannery summarizes, “The anti-Judaic literature was fairly uniform in content; in short, the Jews are an apostate nation, truant from its provincial role of a chosen people.”

Out of the Church Fathers’ theology of claiming the Church as the ‘True Israel,’ came “*Replacement Theology* / “*Supersessionism*,” that is, the Church supersedes Judaism. How does *Supersessionism* express itself ?

The New Testament replaces the Torah - Tanakh (Old Testament)

Christianity replaces the Jews as GOD’s people, Israel

The Spiritual Kingdom of Heaven replaced the Earthly Kingdom of Israel

Jesus (Yeshua) replaced the Blood Sacrifices

Sunday replaced Shabbat (Sabbath)

Rome replaced Jerusalem

The Church replaces the Synagogue

David A. Rausch, professor of history and Jewish studies at Ashland University author of *A Legacy of Hatred, Why Christians Must Not Forget the Holocaust*, writes: “The Gentile Christian church disdained Judaism and Jewish nationalism, the church believed that the Jewish Scriptures were her Scriptures...This position required some reinterpretation because, according to those Scriptures, the Jewish people are the chosen people of God, the people of the Covenant and the people of the Book,...The Gentile church attempted to reconcile this difficulty by reinterpreting those Scriptures to state that the Christian Church is the true Israel, the ‘new’ Israel- not just grafted in as Paul declared in Romans 11:17, but totally replacing the Jewish people. This triumphalism, the attitude of celebrating a victory over an enemy, has fanned the flames of religious anti-Semitism ever since.”

James Carroll author of *Constantine’s Sword* states that while he was training for the priesthood in the 1950’s -1960’s, the foregoing teachings were incorporated into the classroom instruction which he received during those years. Since leaving the candidacy for the priesthood, Mr. Carroll states, “*Nowhere does Christianity betray its indebtedness to Judaism more than in its supersessionism.*”

Rabbi Abraham Heschel wrote, “The vital issue for the Church is to decide whether to look for roots in Judaism and consider itself an extension of Judaism, or to look for roots in pagan Hellenism (Greek thought and culture) and consider itself as an antithesis to Judaism.” Christian historian Dr. David Rausch succinctly states, “Christianity was (*is*) the child of Judaism.”

POST-NICENE CHURCH FATHERS

325 C. E. - 1500 C. E.

Church Fathers, The Council of Nicaea to 1500 C. E.

James Carroll - "When the church and state were linked in the fourth century, due initially to Emperor Constantine, Christian persecution of the Jewish people became a regular practice. By the end of the fourth century, Christianity was the official and exclusive religion of the Roman state. It would seem the church would have no more reason to fear Judaism. Ironically, the church's paranoia got worse; attacks against the Jewish community became even more pronounced. Constantine as a 'Christian' emperor forbade Jews to live in Jerusalem."

W. H. C. Frend records in his work, *The Rise of Christianity*, "Until his preparations for his final campaign by 323 A.D., Constantine did not abandon his allegiance to the Sun god, even though he regarded himself as a servant to the Christian God. Outward manifestations of the emperor's Christianity, are few."

In *Celebrate the Feasts of the Lord*, William W. Francis, records, "In 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicaea - the city named for Nike, the goddess of victory, Constantine declared, 'It is unbecoming that on the holiest festivals we should follow the customs of the Jews; henceforth, let us have nothing in common with this odious people.' At that time it was decided that the Christian Passover should no longer be determined by the Jewish calendar; hence, the Council moved the date and renamed this sacred festival to 'Easter', after the Babylonian deity, Ishtar, the goddess of fertility."

In James Carroll's scholarly work, *Constantine's Sword*, he records, "In 326 A.D., the year after the Council of Nicea, Constantine ordered the murder of his first born son Crispus. In that same fateful year, he also murdered his wife Fausta."

Recorded sermons and excerpts are extracted from: *The Ante-Nicene Fathers, 10 vols.* (see Teshuvah Prayer Guide, 2007 Bibliography p. 48) John Chrysostom one of the Post-Nicene Church Fathers was known as the 'Golden Tongue,' a man admired by the common people. He showed a complete lack of restraint toward the Jewish people in a series of eight long sermons delivered in Antioch in 387 A.D. "Do not be surprised that I call the Jewish people pitiable, they really are pitiable and miserable." The only reason Chrysostom was so upset was because some Christians were fellowshiping with Jews. "According to Chrysostom, the Jews were murderers, and worse than wild beasts. Their synagogue 'is not only a brothel and a theater; it is also a den of robbers and a lodging for wild beasts. No Jew adores God!" Chrysostom held the whole Jewish people culpable for the killing of Christ, using statements that would be reaffirmed by anti-Semites for the next sixteen centuries.

Martin Luther initially had a high regard for the Jewish people. He expected them to convert in mass once they were presented with the Christian message free from “papal paganism.” In his treatise *That Jesus Christ Was Born a Jew* (1523), “Luther pointed out that early missionary outreach to Jews failed, not because of evil or obstinacy on the part of the Jews, but because of the ‘wicked and shameless’ life of the popes, priests, and scholars.” (Taken from Dr. Marvin Wilson, *Our Father Abraham, Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith*, p.100)

Three short years later, Luther complained of the Jews’ stubbornness, and by the 1530’s he was presenting the common medieval stereotypes accorded to Jews. He caricatured Jews as “stiffnecked,” “ironhearted,” “stubborn as the Devil,” and “usurers.” At the end of his life, he wrote three derogatory treatises against Jews which anti-Semites would quote for the next four-hundred years.

Hitler’s hate-sheet editor and propagandist cited Luther at his Nuremberg trial to justify his own actions. One of these treatises is *On the Jews and Their Lies, 1543*. In it Luther called the Jews “venomous,” “bitter worms,” and “disgusting vermin;” He asserted that they were all thieves and should be deported to Palestine. He made numerous suggestions concerning treatment of the Jewish people throughout the treatise, including: “*What shall we Christians do with this rejected and condemned people, the Jews? ...I shall give you my sincere advice. First, to set fire to their synagogues or schools and to bury and cover with dirt whatever will not burn, so that no man will ever again see a stone or cinder of them. This is to be done in honor of our Lord and of Christendom ..*” “*Secondly, I advise that their houses also be razed and destroyed, and third, I advise that all their prayer books and Talmudic writings, in which such idolatry, lies, cursing, and blasphemy are taught, be taken from them. Fourth, I advise that their Rabbis be forbidden to teach henceforth on pain of loss of life and limb .. Fifth, I advise that safe-conduct on the highways be abolished completely for the Jews. For they have no business in the country-side, since they are not lords, officials, tradesmen, or the like. Let them stay at home ... Sixth, I advise that usury be prohibited to them, and that all cash and treasure of silver and gold be taken from them and put aside for safekeeping ... Seventh, I recommend putting a flail, an axe, a hoe, a spade, a distaff, or a spindle into the hands of young, strong Jews, Jewesses and letting them earn their bread in the sweat of their brow.*”

It is noted that the Church Fathers were men of piety and noted for moral excellence. In other areas of the Christian life; however, when it came to the Jewish people they were maligning, sarcastic and degrading.

In the Teshuvah Prayer Guide 2009, in the daily entries of the *Horrors of Anti-Semitism* we see the effects of the deadly poison of Anti-Semitism operating through the Church and spreading to the ends of the earth.

HORRORS OF ANTISEMITISM

The late Simon Wiesenthal, highly esteemed holocaust survivor, lives on through his documented research he carried out in archives all over the world to publish and disclose the atrocities and horrors of antisemitism. The following are selected statements from, *Every Day Remembrance Day, A Chronicle of Jewish Martyrdom*. A work of enormous scholarship, it is both an invaluable reference and a moving documentary that keeps alive the memory of how intensely the Jewish people have suffered over the centuries at the hands of anti-Semites.

The research of Simon Wiesenthal stands as a grievous historical witness. "**The story of the persecution of the Jews has always been directed by Christians:** first of all by the Roman Catholic Church, then by the Orthodox Church. These Churches plunder the Bible, the most precious element of Jewish life, the unique treasure of Jewish identity, and use it for their own ends. Friedrich Nietzsche was the first to openly comment on and criticize this theft. The official theology of the Catholic Church considers Rome 'the true Jerusalem' and the Church 'the true Israel'. Anti-Judaism presented the Jews as evil beings - nothing could change this status, neither 'goodwill' nor 'mercy'. Their 'bad blood' was the root of all evil. If somebody was disliked, one did a bit of investigation to see if he wasn't of Jewish descent. Further 'proof' of his 'guilt' was then superfluous.

The history of the persecution of the Jews is... at the same time a history of Christianity. The acts of persecution against the Jews were from the beginning acts of revenge against that part of the Jewish community which refused to recognize Jesus (even though the first Christians were actually Jews)." pp. 6, 9

A foremost secular scholar of the Holocaust Raul Hillberg, writes: "Since the fourth century after Christ there have been three anti-Jewish policies: (forced) conversion, expulsion, annihilation. The second appeared as an alternative to the first, and the third emerged as an alternative to the second...The missionaries of Christianity had said in effect: You have no right to live among us as Jews. The secular rulers who followed proclaimed: you have no right to live among us. The Nazis at last decreed: you have no right to live." The Destruction of the European Jews; New York, Holmes & Meier, 1985, pp.7f

The following are some of the major historical events that were directly or indirectly the result of the Church / Christian anti-Semitism which brought great suffering and death to the Jewish people and their communities. These atrocities can be traced back to the roots, Church anti-Semitism which was spawned by the teachings and writings of the early Church Fathers. As Christians become knowledgeable of this history our eyes will be opened and our hearts softened to humble ourselves in Repentance for the centuries of great pain and sorrow we have inflicted upon the Jewish people, our family in the faith. Then we will read

and understand the emboldened statement of Dennis Prager and Rabbi Telushkin: "Without Christian antisemitism, the Holocaust would have been inconceivable"

CHRISTIAN CRUSADES
Christian Military Expeditions
In The 11th - 13th Centuries To Recover The Holy Land

Abba Eban asked the question, "What is the complex phenomenon setting the stage for the Christian Crusades? We might begin with the mutual antagonism of the Jews and the early Christians, the anti-Jewish resolutions of the early Church councils... nor, as we consider the Christian revival that swept across Europe in the tenth century, should we ignore the apocalyptic expectations that centered around the approaching years, 1000 - the presumed millenary of Jesus' birth - and 1033, generally accepted as the one-thousandth anniversary of the Crucifixion. In this climate of Christian superstition, it was not very safe to be a Jew.

The alleged Jewish-Muslim plot to desecrate Jerusalem's Christian shrine was grist for the propaganda mill of the eleventh-century anti-Jewish chronicler Rodulfus Glaber. Glaber completed his *Five Books of Histories* about 1045 while he was living at the abbey of Cluny, and he dedicated his virulent tract to the abbot of Cluny, Odilo (994 - 1048). The typical Christian literature of this period is uniformly hostile both to Jews and to Judaism.

With the beginning of the Crusades, this anti-Jewish sentiment erupted into violence. The Crusades had no single motive; a convergence of political, economic, social, and religious factors produced the historical upheaval....To each Crusader the Church offered a plenary indulgence-that is, full remission of all penalties either in purgatory or on earth previously due any sinner. But the prospect of eternal salvation was not the only great reward a Crusade promised. For the peasants a Crusade meant a chance of food, new land, and Eastern riches....For the greater nobles, a Crusade offered relief from the lesser nobles' disruptive behavior. And for the monarchy also, the dispatch of the feudal nobility to the Holy Land meant a kingdom that was more stable and easier to manage-and a chance for the king to increase his landholdings and augment his authority.

The Church likewise coveted the lands...to reclaim Jerusalem for the Christian faith, and to protect Christian pilgrims from Seljuk (*Turkish*) harassment. Of all these motives, the desire to wage war on the infidel and the quest for booty are the most salient to Jewish history, for each could - and did - spark attacks on Jews as well as Muslims. In 1095, Pope Urban II preached the First Crusade....the First Crusade inaugurated a terrifying era in Jewish history. The Christian chronicles deal explicitly with the question of why the Crusaders, ostensibly bent on reclaiming Palestine from the 'Saracens,' turned their

fury against the Ashkenazim (*Jews*) in Europe. 'We desire to go and fight God's enemies in the East,...we have before our eyes certain Jews, a race more inimical to God than any other.'...

The Jews of Rouen, a French city nominally under the English crown, were the first target. The Crusaders dragged the Jews into church, and those who refused baptism were murdered....According to one chronicler, Richard of Poitiers, the Crusaders 'exterminated by massacres the Jews of almost all Gaul, with the exception of those who accepted conversion.'...

In town after town the same ghastly pattern repeated itself. Within months, the massacres had claimed the lives of at least 5,000 Ashkenazim, out of a German Jewish population that, by one estimate, cannot have exceeded 20,000."

As the atrocities mounted many hundreds of Jewish and Muslim families living in the Holy City for generations were slaughtered. And in Europe Abba Eban states, "In the year 1240 whole wagonloads of the Talmud were publicly burned in the streets of Paris.... Political legitimacy was linked to religious belief....The Christians felt bound to project the exclusive rectitude of their faith. Their dominance was never secure in their own minds until Jewish skepticism and challenge were suppressed. It was not sufficient to obtain Jewish submission; it was necessary to bring about a Jewish confession of error. The Christian-Jewish relationship was thus suffused by a passion quite different from any interaction of Christians with other peoples in Europe during the Middle Ages." pp. 152-160

INQUISITIONS

"The institution of the Inquisition lent the Christian persecution of the Jews a bureaucratic character. The denunciator thus became prototype of a 'good Christian' - just as under the Nazis or communists. The situation became fatal for the Jews when monks adopted belief in witches and sorcerers and turned them into dogma, which they set down in fat books....The popes were unable, despite great efforts, to put a stop to the practices of the Spanish Inquisition. The mass forced baptisms in Spain in 1391 meant that the newly baptized, the Conversos, were accepted into the Church, although in their innermost beings they remained Jews. The year 1391 is a year full of massacres of Jews who refused to be baptized. Not until 1834 was the Inquisition officially abolished in Spain....The secretary of the Inquisition, Juan Antonio Lorente, who was in charge of the Inquisition archives, published in 1817 a history of the institution and gave the figure of those burned to death as 341,021." Simon Wiesenthal, *Every Day Remembrance Day, A Chronicle of Jewish Martyrdom*. p. 5-6

THE HOLOCAUST

"Without Christian antisemitism, the Holocaust would have been inconceivable."

Though this account is brief in light of the volumes written concerning anti-

Semitism and the Church, it documents when and how the Church became anti-Semitic. It also helps us grasp the poignant statement we quoted in our opening paragraph by Dennis Prager, Christian historian, and scholar Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, "Without Christian antisemitism, the Holocaust would have been inconceivable." The following excerpt is also taken from their writing, *Why the Jews? The Reason for Antisemitism*, "Hitler and the Nazis found in medieval Catholic anti-Jewish legislation a model for their own, and they read and reprinted Martin Luther's virulently anti-Semitic writings. It is instructive that the Holocaust was unleashed by the only major country in Europe having approximately equal numbers of Catholics and Protestants. Both traditions were saturated with Jew-hatred." p. 104

Simon Wiesenthal writes: "Special mention must be made of the founder of the 'Aryan Christ,' the 'non-Jewish Christ,' who can be seen as the ideological forerunner of the 'German Christ' who was the figurehead of a movement within the Evangelical Church in the Nazi era." *Every Day Remembrance Day, A Chronicle of Jewish Martyrdom*. p.6

Even in our day, some mainline denominations still embrace Replacement Theology, believing the Church replaced Israel. This deception is easily dispelled by the prophetic promises given in the books of the major and minor prophets which are clearly addressed to Israel and Judah, the descendants of Abraham. They record numerous passages assuring the Restoration of Israel in the latter days, as well as the Apostle Paul's teaching in Romans 9-11. In Rom. 11:18, he gives a word of caution, you, (gentile Christians) do not become boastful, for you do not support the root but the root supports you. The root is the Abrahamic Covenant given to Abraham, confirmed to Isaac and Jacob and their descendants. It is this Covenant, that we Gentiles are grafted in through The Messiah to be joint-heirs with Israel. Romans 11:24 *This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.* Eph. 3:6 NIV

The foregoing pages clearly portray how the early Church Fathers, once separated from Jewish leadership, began to misinterpret the Scriptures and fell into the Evil One's age-old tactic, *Deception*. Feeding on anti-Semitism their hearts were hardened and their eyes became scaled toward the Jewish people who were the very source of their Christian heritage. Satan in his cunning scheme had accomplished his purpose infecting the early Church Fathers with his poison, anti-Semitism. Now through the influence and teachings of the early Church Fathers, Satan could spread his poisonous venom into a massive arterial system that would spread throughout the extremities to reach the nations. His scheme and purpose never varies, to seek the annihilation of the Seedline of Promise, the descendants of Abraham.

In the Teshuvah Prayer Guide 2009 under the *Horrors of Anti-Semitism* we will focus on five specific categories. In our repentance we are concerning ourselves with those incidents related to the Church / Christian anti-Semitism. Each day we will repent for one of the atrocities committed against the Jewish people.

Horrors of Anti-Semitism Categories In The Teshuvah Prayer Guide 2009:

The Teachings / Writings of the Early Church Fathers Breeding Anti-Semitism
Ritual Murder - Host Desecration
Inquisitions
Forced Conversions / Baptisms and Judaizing
Black Death

For centuries Satan has gone forth to defeat the promises of the LORD by seeking to annihilate His Covenant people, the Jews. Though he will never fully succeed, his scheme has been effective. Just as he plots to infect a child with the spirit of rebellion to destroy the parent-child relationship, so he infected the early Church Fathers with the deadly poison of anti-Semitism propagating it throughout the nations to destroy Judaism, the parent of Christianity. How effectively he used the Church through the centuries to accomplish his purposes. However, Satan's plot is beginning to be exposed through the didactic work of historians, Catholic and Evangelical, Jewish and secular scholars. May the lies and deception of the Evil One be exposed and may we Christians return to our Hebraic heritage in humility even as the prodigal son returned to his father saying, "Father I have sinned against you and against heaven."

As sincere Believers how can we read the foregoing pages documenting the historical record of the Church/ Christians and our treatment of the Jewish people over the centuries and our hearts not be wrenched? Or are we among those Christians who take the attitude: it wasn't me and it wasn't my Church? The Apostle Paul reminds us as Believers that we are one body, when one part hurts we all hurt; when one part sins we all feel the shame, thus, the *Call to Corporate Repentance*.

Our Father, please open our eyes, remove the hardness of our hearts, cleanse our hands stained with the blood of Your firstborn son, Israel, (the Jewish people). Have mercy on us for the pride and arrogance we have demonstrated before You and Your chosen people. Please give us repentant hearts, a deep and sincere repentance that will minister to You and ease the pain we have brought to You and the Jewish people. May Your hand of mercy and forgiveness be extended to all Christians; may there come a great awakening to our past and a move of Your Spirit to bring healing and restoration with You and our family, the Jewish people.

GLOSSARY

The following selected words have been defined to give greater clarity and understanding when reading the Teshuvah Prayer Guide.

Aryan Myth - Originally a term used by philologists to group languages, this racist form of anti-Semitism was the assertion by the Nazis that those of Aryan ancestry were superior human beings; consequently, all others, including Jews, were inferior. This led them to The Final Solution.

Auto-de-Fe - Literally, "act of faith." Ceremony accompanying the pronouncement of judgment by the Inquisition and followed by the execution of the sentence. Broadly, it refers to the burning of heretics. Jews and heretics were sentenced in these public spectacles.

Black Death, The - The bubonic plague, which some modern scholars believe may have killed more than one-third of the population of Europe. It was widely believed that the plague occurred as a result of the Jews having poisoned the wells with a mix of animal and human parts, as well as from the Host. The butchery of Jews between 1348-1350 was unprecedented when it began in southern France and swept through Switzerland and western Germany.

Blood Libel - A form of anti-Semitism, accusing the Jews of killing Christian children in order to use their blood to make Passover Matzah. It first appeared in the English town of Norwich in 1144, and shows up throughout European history until the twentieth century.

Conversos, Crupto-Jews - Persons who remained faithful to Judaism while outwardly practicing another religion they were forced to accept; they came into existence in the seventh century. In Spain another name for Marranos beginning in 1391 (see Marrano.)

Days of Awe - "From the first day of Elul, the fifth month, until Yom Kippur, the tenth day of the sixth month, are forty days. They are traditionally set aside for meditation, fasting, and repentance. These correspond to the forty days that Moses spent on Mount Sinai, without food or drink, begging God's forgiveness for the sin of the Israelites worshiping the Golden calf." Moshe A. Braun
Other scholars define Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur, as the *Days of Awe* - *The High Holy Days*, (*Yamim Noraim* in Hebrew)

Effigy - a portrait, statue or image usually of a person; likeness, often crude representation of a person who is hated or held in contempt.

Final Solution, The - The Nazi plan to exterminate the Jews.

Garrote - A Spanish method of execution by strangling with an iron collar tightened by a screw.

Host desecration libel - Another form of anti-Semitism, accusing Jews of conspiring to steal and pierce the wafer of the Host in order to torture the body of Jesus.

Judaizing - to bring into conformity with Judaism.

Malkhiyot - Prayers recited during the *High Holy Days*, acknowledging the LORD's sovereignty in the world.

Marrano - Literally "swine." The term enters Jewish history in the mid-fifteenth century to refer to Conversos by their enemies. Eventually the term lost its negative connotation and become a badge of honor among Jews.

New Christians - Another name of Conversos, Marranos. Medieval Spanish Jews forced to convert, beginning particularly in the last quarter of the fourteenth century.

Poisoning of wells - (see Black Death)

Rosh Hashanah - Translates "*head of the year*;" it marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year on the first and second days of the Jewish month of Tishri. It is the first day of the, *Days of Awe*, also know as the *High Holy Days*. These ten days are a specific time of repentance when the Jewish people examine their actions for the preceding year. Moshe A. Braun, states, "A day of remembrance and judgment for every member of the human race." (For a more complete explanation of Rosh Hashanah see Prospectus)

Ritual Murder - The charge by anti-Semites that Jews kill young Christian boys (children) in order to use their blood to make Passover Matzah; part of the Blood Libel.

Shofar - The horn of a sheep or ram used ceremonially to announce the New Year, to free all slaves on the Yom Kippur of every fiftieth or Jubilee year, to announce a fast, and to proclaim a call to arms. It originated with the substitution of a ram for the sacrifice of Isaac and will end with the sounding of the ram's horn for the advent of the Messiah.

Shofar Hagadol - The Great Shofar that will sound with a great blast at sunset on Yom Kippur in the seventh year of the Birth Pains of Messiah (Tribulation).
Isa. 27:12-13

Shofarot - Prayers recited during the High Holy Days, a proclamation that the LORD will sound the Shofar at Redemption, therefore, speaks of the LORD as Redeemer.

Yamim Noraim - Hebrew for the *Days of Awe, The High Holy Days* - referring to the period between and including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Yom HaDin - Hebrew for The Day of Judgment equates to The Day of the LORD to be announced by the coming of The Messiah.

Yom HaTeruah - Literally the Day of the Awakening Blast announcing the coming of The Messiah to awaken all the righteous dead.

Yom Kippur - The Day of Atonement regarded as the holiest day of the Jewish Year, the tenth day of Tishri on the Jewish calendar. It is marked by fasting from sundown of the ninth day of Tishri to sunset of the tenth, the last day of the ten *Days of Awe, The High Holy Days*. The Jewish people spend the day confessing and repenting of sins for the preceding year.

Zikhronot - Prayers recited during the *High Holy Day*, proclaiming the LORD as Master of Absolute Remembrance and Judge of the Universe.

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WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Ministries of New Life sponsors daily prayer, morning and evening Monday through Friday and one prayer session each on Saturday and Sunday during the forty-days of Teshuvah at Colonial Presbyterian Church, 95th & Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO.

This forty-day *Call to Prayer*, is a call to each one with a heart for repentance confessing the great sins we have committed against the LORD as His children, as a citizen of the U.S. and an inhabitant of the earth. We come to humble ourselves, seeking to acknowledge how deeply we have grieved our Father's heart by turning away from His Word and Ways. In these forty-days we join with the Jewish communities who are also observing Teshuvah, (returning and repenting). The *MNL* Prayer schedule is as follows:

Room Locations To Be Announced:

Opening Session Thursday, August 20 - 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Monday - Friday 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Saturday & Sunday 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

(Except Sunday, September 6, - 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.)

If you are not able to join us please prayerfully consider seeking two or three other Believers to join you in observing these forty-days of Repentance using the Teshuvah Prayer Guide 2009. Some Believers have chosen to daily have their private Teshuvah prayer schedule using the Prayer Guide.

May the Spirit of the LORD give each of us a spirit of humility and brokenness that we might come before Him in contrition and repentance to confess and repent of the sin that has invaded our homes, churches, communities and the earth, that He might forgive, restore and bless us with an outpouring of His Spirit and protect us in the day of trouble.

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isa 57:15

May our Father's richest blessings be upon you and your family,
Marilyn Lake Griffin
Director, Ministries of New Life

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THE DAILY FOCUS

Day 1, August 20 - Preparation for the Forty Days of Repentance
(Evening)

Repenting for:

Day 2, August 21 - Departing From the Word of the LORD and His Ways

Day 3, August 22 - Failure to Recognize That the Messiah (Jesus) is Jewish

Day 4, August 23 - Failure to Understand We are Grafted into the Rich Olive
Tree of Israel

Day 5, August 24 - Failure to Recognize our Death with Christ (the Messiah) -
That Our Life is Hidden in Christ (The Messiah) in Us

Day 6, August 25 - Failure to Love the LORD with Our Whole Heart.

Day 7, August 26 - Failure to Know Our Father's Eight Major Covenants

Day 8, August 27 - Failure to Love Our Neighbor as the LORD Loves Us

Day 9, August 28 - Grieving, Quenching and Denying the Spirit

Day 10, August 29 - The Sin of Departing from Giving and Receiving Godly
Parental Guidance.

Day 11, August 30 - The Sin of Seeking Man's Approval

Day 12, August 31 - The Sin of Pride

Day 13, September 1 - The Sin of Presumption

Day 14, September 2 - The Sin of Doubt and Unbelief

Day 15, September 3 - Sin of Self Exaltation and Self Idolatry

Day 16, September 4 - Failure to Do Justice

Day 17, September 5 - Failure to Love Mercy

Day 18, September 6 - Failure to Walk Humbly with the LORD

Day 19, September 7 - The Sin of Apathy – Doing the Work of the
LORD with Slackness

Day 20, September 8 - Having Lost the Fear of the LORD

Day 21, September 9 - Failure to Trust in the LORD

Day 22, September 10 - The Sin of Blindness – Hypocrisy

Day 23, September 11 - The Sin of Shedding Innocent Blood

Day 24, September 12 - The Sin of Fear

Day 25, September 13 - The Sin of Prejudice Leading to Cruelty

Day 26, September 14 - The Sin of Failure to Seek Intimacy With the LORD

Day 27, September 15 - The Breach of Faith – the Sin of Ignorance

THE DAILY FOCUS (cont.)

Day 28, September 16 - The Sin of Rebellion and the Independent Spirit

Day 29, September 17 - The Sin of Slander

Day 30, September 18 - The Sin of Failure to Grieve over
Grieving our Father's Heart

Rosh Hashanah-Day 1

Day 31, September 19 - The Sin of Loving the World and
Accepting Worldly Standards

Rosh Hashanah-Day 2

Day 32, September 20 - The Sin of Failing to Look for His Appearing

Day 33, September 21 - The Sin of Leaving Our Father's First Love

Day 34, September 22 - The Sin of Pride – Our Hardness of Heart and
Blindness Toward the Jewish People.

Day 35, September 23 - The Sin of Failure to Forgive

Day 36, September 24 - The Sin of Love of Money/Materialism

Day 37, September 25 - The Sin of Grumbling and Complaining

Day 38, September 26 - The Sin of Failure to Remember and
Thank the LORD for His Blessings

Day 39, September 27 - The Sin of Harboring Anger and Bitterness

Yom Kippur

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Acknowledgement
To Our Father, The Almighty Eternal One

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Jer 9:23-24 ESV

We give praise and thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven for the favor He has shown to us by revealing His wisdom and desire that we who are grafted into the rich Olive Tree of Israel should unite with the Jewish people in these forty days of Repentance for personal and corporate sins committed against Him,

the
Almighty Eternal Creator,
Who made the earth by His power,
Who established the world by His wisdom...Jer. 10:12

We consider it a high honor to be called by the Spirit to humble ourselves before our Father presenting our petitions in the Name of His Son, The Messiah of Israel,

the Lord Jesus Christ, on the basis of His shed Blood as our covering and entrance into His Presence. There we seek His forgiveness, guidance and revelation for the times and seasons in which we live, that we might be a people prepared for His glorious Appearing.

By His grace and mercy as we enter these forty days of Repentance, we trust the Spirit will advance the good work He has begun by continuing to remove the encrustation from our hearts and scales from our eyes, cleansing us of hands stained with blood and delivering us from our pride and arrogance toward Him and His Chosen people. May He renew our first love and forge a new commitment to Him and His beloved, the Jewish people.

May He grace us by His Spirit to present our supplications, petitions and intercessions according to His divine will and purposes - that His kingdom will advance on earth and His staff of favor and union between Christians and the Jewish people will be restored.

Blessed be His glorious Name.

FOCUS OF TESHUVAH

2009

ACKNOWLEDGING ONE OF OUR MAJOR OFFENSES AGAINST THE LORD AND HIS BELOVED, THE JEWISH PEOPLE: THE SIN OF ANTI-SEMITISM

The Sin Of Anti-Semitism Led The Early Church Fathers To Abdicate
Our Father's First Love, Israel - The Jewish People, Exodus 4:22

Consequences Of The Church Abdicating Israel - The Jewish People

Our Hearts Are Encrusted Toward His Chosen People
Our Eyes Are Blinded to The Jewish People
Our Hands Are Stained With Their Blood
Our Hearts Are Filled With Pride and Arrogance Toward
Israel and The Jewish People

Our Prayer

Our Father, we humble ourselves asking You to release the Spirit of
Repentance upon each of us who gather before You these forty days that we
might be instruments in Your hand to bring forth Your will and purposes.

We recognize that without the help and guidance of Your Spirit
we cannot discern Your will, nor are we able to bring the sacrifice of
a deep and pure Repentance which leads to life. Acts 11:18

As we prepare and enter this season of Repentance we entreat You to fashion
our hearts that we will be vessels prepared for this appointed time.

Our desire is to be pleasing unto You. May our prayers be acceptable as we
daily gather to present our personal and corporate confession and repentance.

We give You praise and thanksgiving for leading us in the past and for the
work You have done in and through us. Our eyes are upon You as we embark
upon Teshuvah 2009. May we complete this journey having the assurance
we have fulfilled Your call, that our prayers were aligned with Your will and
the motivations of our hearts during these forty days were solely for the
Glory and Honor of Your great Name.

We make these requests in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus-
Yeshua.

Preparation For Teshuvah
Forty Days of Repentance
Thursday, August 20, 2009

Corporate Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 116:12-14

Worship: Psalm 147:1-15 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Exodus 4:22

Our Father, as members of the Body of Christ (The Messiah) we repent that we have broken Your heart in our attitude and actions toward our family the Jewish people. We acknowledge You chose the Jewish people to receive Your Scriptures and through them all mankind has opportunity to know Your Word, revealing everything we know about You. We repent with great shame for leaving our rich heritage of the Jewish people, Israel, Your firstborn son.

We repent as members of the Body of Christ for every way we or our families have engaged in acts of dishonoring the Jewish people, the seed line of Abraham.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We lift up our President, Vice President, the Cabinet Members and Supreme Court Justices.

Our Father, we thank You for the privilege to hold up our President and all of our elected officials serving the 50 States of America during these 40 days of Teshuvah. We repent for the many decisions they have made that were contrary to Your Word. We plead for Your wisdom and guidance to be upon them as we repent and intercede on their behalf.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5; Psalm 123:2

Our Father, we thank You for the nations You have called forth and the part they each have in orchestrating the affairs of the earth which You created by Your great power. We ask You to daily reveal Your heart, guiding us in praying for the Nation(s), that we present the repentance and petitions You desire before You. Our eyes are upon You, for our world is in great distress and need of Your guidance.

Israel: Psalm 115:9-13; Genesis 6:6

Having been grafted into the rich Olive Tree of Israel, we join our family, the Jewish people, in repenting for all the pain we have inflicted upon You and for all the sorrow we brought to Your heart. We pray Israel and the Church will trust You and that our daily lives will express that trust.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *For the first nine days of Teshuvah we will observe the teachings and actions of the early Church Fathers. Constantine and Martin Luther were anti-Semitic, allowing anti-Semitism to take root throughout all Christendom.*

The next 31 days we will observe the deadly poison of Anti-Semitism as it operated through the Church and Christians effecting the general population and entire nations to persecute the Jewish people, working havoc, cruelty and death.

We abhor, denounce and repent of the deadly sin of Anti-Semitism which for centuries has operated in the Church and through Christians, fostering great pain and suffering to the Jewish People and culminating in the Holocaust.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

**Repenting for the Sin of Departing
From the Word of the LORD and His Ways
Friday, August 21, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 100 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Leviticus 4:13

We confess and repent of our ignorance of Your Torah concerning: Your Covenants, Calendar, Festivals, Prophetic Promises and Your Call, Plan and Purposes for Israel and the Jewish People. We ask forgiveness for our self-centeredness, forgetting Your Word was directly spoken and given to the descendants of Abraham. Please help us awaken to the fuller revelation and truth of the Scriptures.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5; Daniel 2:21

We lift up our President, Vice President, the Cabinet members and the Supreme Court Justices.

California: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of California – Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, Mike Thompson, Wally Herger, Dan Lungren, Tom McClintock, Doris O. Matsui, Lynn C. Woolsey, George Miller, Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Lee, Ellen O. Tauscher, Jerry McNerney, Jackie Speier, Fortney “Pete” Stark, Anna G. Eshoo, Michael M. Honda, Zoe Lofgren, Sam Farr, and Dennis A. Cardoza.

For these elected officials we repent for each one who operates out of an independent spirit, not knowing that You set up kings and remove kings.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Iran: We repent for leaders of the nations remaining silent to the threats of Mr. Ahmadinejad, President of Iran, who dreams of finishing Hitler's work and killing all the world's Jews. We repent of apathy in light of nuclear-armed Iran.

Israel: We repent for the leaders of Israel (past & present) who do not believe Your Torah and fail to embrace Your promises to bless, protect and restore Israel. We ask for Your wisdom for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *The Poison of Anti-Semitism that infected the early Church Fathers gave birth to Replacement Theology/Supersessionism. Dr. Marvin Wilson writes, "Paul's warning to Gentile Believers about pride went unheeded (Romans 11:17-24). By 110 C.E. The Church had become overwhelmingly Gentile, so it reasoned that there was no more need for the support of the root, Israel. What presumption! Now, Gentiles claimed to have replaced Israel as the 'new' Israel; it becomes fully developed in the writings of the early Church Fathers. This replacement resulted in many institutions and concepts of Israel being de-Judaized or Hellenized by the Gentile Church."*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish People.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

**Repenting for Failure to Recognize that
The Messiah (Jesus) is Jewish
Saturday, August 22, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 95:1-6 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Our Father, we repent of anti-Semitism which infected the early Church Fathers leading them to teach that the Church is the "New Israel." We repent for this teaching that brought tremendous pain and suffering to the Jewish People.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We lift up our President, Vice President, the Cabinet members and the Supreme Court Justices.

California: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of California – George Radanovich, Jim Costa, Devin Nunes, Kevin McCarthy, Lois Capps, Elton Gallegly, Howard P. “Buck” McKeon, David Dreier, Brad Sherman, Howard J. Berman, Adam B. Schiff, Henry A. Waxman, Xavier Becerra, Diane E. Watson, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Maxine Waters, Jane Harman, Laura Richardson, Grace F. Napolitano, and Linda T. Sanchez.

Our Father, we repent for our elected officials who fail to recognize that our founding Fathers wrote our official documents and based their decisions upon Your Scriptures. We ask You to open the eyes of all Americans to see that You are the Source of all our wisdom and blessings.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Iran: Our Father, we repent that many world leaders operate under the influence of the spirit of control and manipulation. We ask that You intervene for the people of Iran to be protected from this spirit and to be set free. May You give revelation and understanding of Your Son, The Messiah of Israel, the Savior of all mankind.

Israel: We repent that we have failed to hold up Israel and the Jewish people in light of the rise of anti-Semitism throughout the world. We ask You to protect Your Chosen Nation that Your Name may receive glory.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *After the death of the Apostles, the Church leadership was taken over by the Gentiles, many of which had come out of paganism. With no Jewish oversight, great injustices were done to the Scriptures.*

Clement of Alexandria: Some scholars credit Clement of Alexandria with writing The Epistle of Barnabas which explained, “... the Jewish sacrifices were abolished, their fasts not acceptable to God; and that Christians, not Jews, were actually the heirs of God’s Covenant with Abraham. To those who believed the Jewish people still had a future through the Covenant, the Epistle harshly stated: Take heed now to yourselves, and not to be like some adding largely to your sins, saying, ‘The Covenant is both theirs and ours.’ But they, [the Jews] thus finally lost it.” Dr. David Rausch states, “This Epistle was highly regarded in the Church and was even included in some of the early canon lists.” Contrary to Clement’s writings, Rausch further states, “Reading between the lines, one notes the existence of Christians who believed that the Jewish people definitely had a future through the Abrahamic Covenant and were quite vocal about it.”

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for Failure to Understand
We are Grafted into the Rich Olive Tree of Israel
Sunday, August 23, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 104:1-18 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Romans 11:17-18

We repent personally and for the Church at large that we are not acquainted with the teachings of the Apostle Paul in Romans 9-11. We have not heeded his words, " ...you, (the Church) *although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in ... and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches (Israel). If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.*"

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We lift up our President, Vice President, the Cabinet members and the Supreme Court Justices.

We acknowledge and repent that many Believers as well as our spiritual leaders, do not discern Your revelation concerning Israel. In light of this truth, most of our national leaders do not know Your purposes and plan for Israel.

California: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of California – Ed Royce, Jerry Lewis, Gary G. Miller, Joe Baca, Ken Calvert, Mary Bono Mack, Dana Rohrabacher, Loretta Sanchez, John Campbell, Darrell E. Issa, Brian P. Bilbray, Bob Filner, Duncan Hunter, and Susan A. Davis.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

We repent for the centuries the Church/Christians around the world have not only persecuted the Jewish people but we have failed to esteem them. Therefore the nations have not seen our Father's purpose and plan for Israel nor do they have the Fear of the LORD in matters concerning Israel and the Jewish People.

Israel: Ephesians 3:6 NIV

We bless the Jewish people in Kansas City, in our nation and around the world. Our Father, we thank you for providing The Messiah of Israel, that through Him the Gentiles are grafted into the rich Olive Tree of Israel; we praise and thank You.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *Episcopal Bishop John Spong clearly states, "The Bible is a Hebrew book telling the story of a Hebrew people. Jesus*

was a Hebrew Lord.” David Freedman writes in The Scrolls and the New Testament, “The language of biblical religion is Hebrew, as the Dead Sea Scrolls have shown, not only for the sectarian Judaism of the first century BC, but also for New Testament Christianity of the first century AD.” But the Church Fathers in de-Judaizing the Scriptures stripped away the Hebrew, replacing it with the Greek, which caused people to lose the Jewishness of the Scriptures. David Rausch states, “Now theological and political power moved from Jerusalem to centers of Gentile-Christian leadership in Alexandria, Rome and Antioch.”

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: Psalm 104:19-36

**Repenting for Failure to Recognize our Death with Christ
That Our Life is Hidden in Him, The Messiah in Us
Monday, August 24, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 19:1-10 - Musical selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:3

We acknowledge that many Christians do not understand our death with Christ, that when He died, we died with Him and our life is hidden in Him (the Messiah of Israel) in the Father. We repent that many of us who do understand this truth fail to daily abide in Him moment by moment. We repent of this great offense and the lack of teaching concerning our death with Christ and our life in Him.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We lift up our President, Vice President, the Cabinet members and the Supreme Court Justices.

We repent of the sin of hypocrisy as we call America a Christian Nation and on our coins we have written, "In GOD we trust." We repent that our elected officials have passed and enacted legislation contrary to Your Word. We acknowledge we have become a Nation that does not have the Fear of the LORD; that America has forsaken the principles of Scripture, the foundation of our nation.

New York: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of New York – Charles E. Schumer, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Tim Bishop, Steve Israel, Peter T. King, Carolyn McCarthy, Gary L. Ackerman, Gregory W.

Meeks, Joseph Crowley, Jerrold Nadler, Anthony D. Weiner, Edolphus Towns, Yvette D. Clarke, Nydia M. Velazquez, Mike McMahon, Carolyn B. Maloney, Charles B. Rangel, Jose E. Serrano, Eliot L. Engel, and Nita M. Lowey.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

We repent that Christians have not been a Light to the nations. We acknowledge that our founding Fathers were GOD-fearing and sought Your counsel but we have sinned, turning from Your Word and Your Ways. We have failed to be Your witness to the nations. Our Father, we need Your help and guidance.

Israel: We repent, though our life is in the Messiah of Israel, we have not shown love and kindness to our family, the Jewish people; rather we have persecuted, maligned and killed them for centuries and professed to have taken their place in Your plan and purposes for them; have mercy upon us.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *Justin Martyr* remarked to *Trypho the Jew*, (A.D. 140) “For the circumcision according to the flesh, which is from Abraham, was given for a sign; that you may be separated from other nations, and from us; and that you alone may suffer that which you justly suffer; that you may be desolate, and your cities burned with fire; and that strangers may eat your fruit in your presence and not one of you may go up to Jerusalem...” *Justin Martyr*: “Many in the church were not content with claiming an interest in the Jewish Scriptures, but proceeded to try to make the Old Testament the exclusive domain of the church.” *Justin Martyr*, one of the greatest Christian defenders of the faith, took up this theme. *David A. Rausch*, p. 20. In his dialogue with *Trypho, A Jew*, *Justin Martyr* emphasized that, “What was of old and had belonged to Israel was now the property of the Christians. The Jewish Scriptures were a central part of this transference. They are ‘not yours but ours.’ For the prophetic gifts remain with us, even to the present time. And hence you ought to understand that [the gifts] formerly among your nation have been transferred to us.”

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

**Repenting for Failure to Love the LORD with Our Whole Heart
Tuesday, August 25, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 135: 1-7, 19-21 - Musical selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Ephesians 2:8-9 I Corinthians 1:30; II Corinthians 5:14; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:3

Our Father, we repent for thinking that there is any good in us that we could love You with our whole hearts. Thank You for our death with Christ, The Messiah. By Your mercy and Christ's blood sacrifice By faith You put us in Him. As we abide in Christ, His love for You is to us. Please open our eyes and hearts to this marvelous truth from your Word.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We lift up our President, Vice President, the Cabinet members and the Supreme Court Justices

Our Father, we repent though You have blessed America above any other nation, giving us greater opportunities to have Your Word and to hear it, we have failed You by loving ourselves and things more than honoring and seeking You.

New York: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of New York – John J. Hall, Paul D. Tonko, Maurice D. Hinchey, John M. McHugh, Michael A. Arcuri, Don Maffei, Christopher Lee, Brian M. Higgins, Louise McIntosh Slaughter, and Eric Massa.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Iraq - Our Father, we ask for Your forgiveness in every area where America has sinned against You by our motives or actions during our occupation in Iraq. We lift up the people of Iraq, asking for Your help for the millions held in bondage and deception. For all the innocent people who desire to know truth we pray You will set them free. We ask help for our service men and women. May they have encounters with You and walk in Your ways before the Iraqi people. Bless them and their families we pray.

Israel: We lift up the leadership of Israel. May they begin to have encounters with You. May their hearts be turned back to walk in the faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. May their eyes be opened to seek forgiveness for not looking to You for their protection rather than to America.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *The Epistle of Barnabas explained that the Jewish sacrifices were abolished, their fasts not acceptable to God: and that Christians, not Jews, were actually the heirs of God's Covenant with Abraham. To those who believed the Jewish people still had a future through the Covenant, the epistle harshly stated: "take heed now to yourselves, and not to be like some adding largely to your sins, and saying, 'The covenant is both theirs and ours.' But they (the Jews) thus finally lost it."*

St. Ignatius of Antioch sent his fervent letters to Gentile communities against Judaism stating there is no need of “obsolete practices” in Christian hope...He wrote to the Magnesians, “Christianity did not believe in Judaism, but Judaism in Christianity.” With this last observation and Barnabas’ theory of prefiguration, a fertile theme originated: that the Church is, and always was, the “true Israel.” Fr. Edward Flannery

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for Failure to Know Our Father's Eight Major Covenants Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 105:1-15 – Musical selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Our Father, we repent that we do not know Your eight major Covenants; therefore, we fail to grasp the provisions and promises of the two Covenants You gave to mankind and the six You gave to Israel (the Jewish people). Our sin of neglect has led to our ignorance that has caused leaders and Christians to be blinded and our hearts encrusted to Your call, plan and purposes for the Jewish people. We ask You to open our hearts and our eyes to Your Covenants.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We lift up our President, Vice President, the Cabinet members and the Supreme Court Justices.

We repent for our government leaders pressuring Israel to give up Gaza, Judea, Samaria and calling for the dividing of Jerusalem. We repent for standing in opposition to Your Covenant You made with the descendants of Abraham (the Jewish people) to have the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession.

Texas: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Texas – Kay Bailey Hutchison, John Cornyn, Louie Gohmert, Ted Poe, Sam Johnson, Ralph M. Hall, Jeb Hensarling, Joe Barton, John A. Culberson, Kevin Brady, Al Green, Michael T. McCaul, Mike Conaway, Kay Granger, William “Max” Thornberry, Ron Paul, Ruben Hinojosa, Silvestre Reyes, Chet Edwards, and Sheila Jackson Lee.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Afghanistan - Our Father, we ask forgiveness and help in areas where America's actions and motives have not been honoring to You or for the good of mankind. We ask Your help and protection for our troops as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities.

Israel: Genesis 15:18-21; 17:7-11

Our Father, we ask that the Jewish leaders will remember the Covenant You made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob giving them the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *Tertullian of Carthage* wrote, “*The Jewish people no longer had any witness or truth. Their only reason to exist was to testify to the misery and degradation that befell a people rejected by God. The curses of the Bible were ascribed to the Jews; the blessings of the Bible to the Christians.*” (David Rausch)

Origen of Alexandria in the third century wrote, “*These calamities the Jews have suffered because they were the most wicked nation, which, although guilty of many other sins, yet have been punished so severely for none as for those that were committed against our Jesus.*” (Marvin Wilson)

The teachings of the Early Church Fathers and the ever increasing accusations that the whole of Jewry were “Christ-killer” permeated Church history - wreaking havoc on the Jewish community throughout the nations. (Vendyl Jones)

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for Failure to Love Our Neighbor as the LORD Loves Us
Thursday, August 27, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 136 (Read Responsively) – Musical selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Our Father, we repent that within the Church we have not loved one another with the love of Christ. We have failed to forgive, to pray, and bless one another. We have allowed selfishness and jealousy to divide us, severing relationships and congregations. Please forgive us for living according to our old nature.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We lift up our President, Vice President, the Cabinet members and the Supreme Court Justices.

We repent for our government leaders removing prayer and taking Your Word out of schools and from our children. We repent that many of our leaders do not Fear You or know Your Word. Our Father, we desperately need You to help us.

Texas: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Texas – Randy Neugebauer, Charles A. Gonzales, Lamar S. Smith, Pete Olson, Ciro D. Rodriguez, Kenny Marchant, Lloyd Doggett, Michael C. Burgess, Solomon P. Ortiz, Henry Cuellar, Gene Green, Eddie Bernice Johnson, John R. Carter and Pete Sessions.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

We repent that we Christians in America have not projected Your love and your ways to the nations in a manner that would cause them to desire to hear Your Word and learn about You. We repent for not being salt and light to the nations as we once were in former days.

Israel: Romans 11:18; 4:16

Our Father, we confess not only have we often failed to love our neighbor but we have failed to love our family the Jewish people. We know we are grafted into the rich olive tree of Israel, that we receive our spiritual support through the Abrahamic Covenant yet we have been arrogant and often times cruel to the Jewish people.

Horror of Anti-Semitism:

Constantine: “When the church and state were linked in the fourth century, due initially to Emperor Constantine, Christian persecution of the Jewish people became a regular practice.” By the end of the fourth century, Christianity was the official and exclusive religion of the Roman state. It would seem the church would have no more reason to fear Judaism. Ironically, the church’s paranoia got worse; attacks against the Jewish community became more bitter. In A.D. 325, Constantine as a “Christian” emperor forbade Jews to live in Jerusalem. (David Rausch)

In 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicaea - the city named for Nike, the goddess of victory, Constantine declared, “It is unbecoming that on the holiest festivals we should follow the customs of the Jews; henceforth, let us have nothing in common with this odious people.” At that time it was decided that the Christian Passover should no longer be determined by the Jewish calendar; hence, the Council moved the date and renamed this sacred festival as “Easter, after the Babylonian deity, Ishtar, the goddess of fertility.”(J. Carroll/Wm. C. Francis)

“Until his preparations for his final campaign by 323 AD, Constantine did not abandon his allegiance to the Sun god, even though he regarded himself as a servant to the Christian God. Outward manifestations of the emperor’s Christianity are few.”(Wm. C. Francis)

James Carroll records, “In 326 A.D., the year after the Council of Nicea, Constantine ordered the murder of his first-born son, Crispus. In that same fateful year, he also murdered his wife, Fausta.”

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for Grieving, Quenching and Denying the Spirit **Friday, August 28, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 51:10-13

I confess and repent of my lack of trust in You. Our Father, please forgive me of the times I have grieved, quenched or denied Your Holy Spirit. I have walked in my own way and have known great sorrow of heart when I did not allow You to direct my path. Father, create in me a heart that knows Your voice and rejoices to do Your will.

Worship: Psalm 50:1-6 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Proverbs 3:5-6

We confess and repent for ourselves and our Spiritual Leaders that we have grieved, quenched and denied the Spirit that calls us to humble ourselves, repent of our sins, and acknowledge His leading in all our ways.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5; James 3:17-18

Our Father, we acknowledge this nation has been greatly blessed and to whom much has been given, much is required. We confess and repent our nation walks in the wisdom of the world and our stewardship has accomplished little. We pray Your Word of James 3:17-18 upon our leaders – that they would know the wisdom “that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”

Florida: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Florida – Bill Nelson, Mel Martinez, Jeff Miller, F. Allen Boyd Jr., Corrine

Brown, Ander Crenshaw, Ginny Brown-Waite, Cliff Stearns, John I. Mica, Alan Grayson, Gus M. Bilirakis, C. W. Bill Young, Kathy Castor, Adam Putnam, Vern Buchanan, Connie Mack IV, Bill Posey, Tom Rooney, Kendrick B. Meek, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

International: Psalm 119:23-24

Our Father, have mercy upon us that we have responded to other peoples of the world in the ways of our flesh rather than coming to you in prayer first, to receive Your counsel.

Israel: Obadiah 1:12

Our Father, we confess and repent of our hardness of heart toward the Jewish people and their struggles. We pray for the leadership of the Jewish people to discern and lead Israel in Your ways.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *“John Chrysostom was known as the ‘Golden Tongue,’ a man admired by the common people. He showed a complete lack of restraint toward the Jewish people in a series of eight long sermons delivered in Antioch in 387 AD. ‘Do not be surprised that I call the Jewish people pitiable, they really are pitiable and miserable.’...” The only reason Chrysostom was so upset was because some Christians were fellowshiping with Jews.*

“According to Chrysostom, the Jews were murderers, and worse than wild beasts. Their synagogue ‘is not only a brothel and a theater; it is also a den of robbers and a lodging for wild beasts. No Jew adores GOD!’...” Chrysostom held the whole Jewish people culpable for the killing of Christ, using statements that would be reaffirmed by anti-Semites for the next sixteen centuries.”

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: Neh. 9:19-20

Praise You, Holy Father, for the wonderful leading of Your Spirit who reveals Your love and concern for Your creation. Thank You for Your promise to never leave us or forsake us.

**Repenting for the Sin of Departing from
Giving and Receiving Godly Parental Guidance
Saturday, August 29, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24, Proverbs 3:1-2

Worship: Psalm 24 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: II Timothy 2:1-2

We confess and repent that we have not honored You, as our Holy Father. We have not walked in the Fear of the LORD, have compromised Your teachings and have failed to reach the mark of teaching and training our children in Your ways. Our Father, please forgive us and restore our families to You and to us.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5.

Our Father, we pray You will watch over and protect the leaders of our nation and their families.

Florida: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Florida – Robert Wexler, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Ron Klein, Alcee L. Hastings, Suzanne M. Kosmas, and Mario Diaz-Balart.

International: Deuteronomy 6:1-2

Our Father, the children in Darfur and in many other countries of the earth are being abused, even sold into slavery. Holy Father, please forgive us. As we join with them in crying out to You today fill us with Your love. We seek Your power to reach them and bless them.

Israel: Deuteronomy 4:7-8

We thank You, Father, for Your statutes and judgments You have given us through the Jewish people to show us Your ways. We pray blessings upon our Jewish parents for having given us our Jewish Messiah, Jesus, the living Word.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *Martin Luther initially had a high regard for the Jewish people. He expected them to convert in mass once they were presented with the Christian message free from “papal paganism.” In his treatise, That Jesus Christ Was Born a Jew (1523), “Luther pointed out that early missionary outreach to Jews failed, not because of evil or obstinacy on the part of the Jews, but because of the ‘wicked and shameless’ life of the popes, priests, and scholars.” (Marvin Wilson)*

Three short years later, Luther complained of the Jews’ stubbornness, and by the 1530’s he was presenting the common medieval stereotypes accorded to Jews. He caricatured Jews as “stiffnecked,” “ironhearted,” “stubborn as the Devil,” and “usurers.” At the end of his life, he wrote three derogatory treatises against Jews which anti-Semites would quote for the next four hundred years.(David Rausch)

Hitler’s hate-sheet editor and propagandist cited Luther at his Nuremberg trial to justify his own actions. One of these treatises is

On the Jews and Their Lies. In it Luther called the Jews “venomous,” “bitter worms,” and, “disgusting vermin.” He asserted that they were all thieves and should be deported to Palestine. He made numerous suggestions concerning treatment of the Jewish people throughout the treatise, including: “What shall we Christians do with this rejected and condemned people, the Jews? ...I shall give you my sincere advice. First, to set fire to their synagogues or schools and to bury and cover with dirt whatever will not burn, so that no man will ever again see a stone or cinder of them. This is to be done in honor of our Lord and of Christendom ..”

Martin Luther continues, “Secondly, I advise that their houses also be razed and destroyed, and third, I advise that all their prayer books and Talmudic writings, in which such idolatry, lies, cursing, and blasphemy are taught, be taken from them.”

“Fourth, I advise that their Rabbis be forbidden to teach henceforth on pain of loss of life and limb ...” (Luther’s Works, Bertram Trans.)

We abhor, denounce and repent of the great injustices to the Jewish People.

Praise / Thanksgiving: Psalm 40:5-7

Thank You, our Father, for Your tender mercies, fresh every day and that You are the rewarder of those who diligently seek You.

Repenting for the Sin of Seeking Man’s Approval Sunday, August 30, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 29 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: I Samuel 15:24

Our Father, we confess and repent that we, as the Church, have acted in rebellion against Your commandments and have done the work of ministry in our own fleshly efforts, not relying upon You to do Your kingdom work. Please forgive us and restore unto us the joy of our salvation. Fix our eyes upon You and we pray, Thy kingdom come.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Psalm 33:12

We confess and repent, Almighty Father, that we have given place to the voices of those who seek to accomplish the desires of the flesh. Our consciences

have become seared as the continual onslaught of the enemy wears upon the foundation of the values that our founding fathers called for in this nation. We pray You will give courage to our elected leaders so that they may set their hearts upon You, our Father, as You are the fount of every blessing.

Illinois: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Illinois – Richard J. Durbin, Roland W. Burris, Bobby L. Rush, Jesse L. Jackson Jr., Daniel Lipinski, Luis V. Gutierrez, Peter J. Roskam, Danny K. Davis, Melissa L. Bean, Janice D. Schakowsky, Mark S. Kirk, Deborah I. Halvorson, Jerry F. Costello, Judy Biggert, Bill Foster, Timothy V. Johnson, Donald A. Manzullo, Phil Hare, Aaron Schock, and John Shimkus.

International: Proverbs 12:24

Our Father, we pray for the protection of the leaders of the nations of the world who attempt to administer justice to their peoples.

Israel: Zechariah 9:16

Our Father, we pray for the nation of Israel as they attempt to live in peace with their neighbors. Please honor Your covenants and continue to establish Your plans for the restoration of Israel.

***Horror of Anti-Semitism:** December 28, 1235 - Five young children of a miller in Fulda Germany are killed on Christmas when their parents are absent; suspicion falls on 2 Jews and the rumor spreads that they killed them in ritual murder. It is said that the Jews drew the blood from the corpse and keep it in waxed bags to preserve it for Passover. With the help of some crusaders, the enraged townspeople attack the Jewish community of Fulda and massacre 34 Jewish men and women.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: Jeremiah 30:21b-22

Thank You, Our Father, for abiding with us and showing us Your love. How gracious You are to put us in the Messiah allowing us to draw near to You.

Repenting for the Sin of Pride **Monday, August 31, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24, Proverbs 16:18

Our Father, please give us full revelation of the ways pride has invaded our hearts and minds. Cleanse us, oh GOD, as we surrender our will to You.

Worship: Daniel 2:19b-23 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: James 4:1-3

Our Father, we confess and repent that in our pride, we have sinned against You and against our neighbor. Our pride has damaged Your Name in the earth. It has broken the unity of the household of faith. Hear the cry of our hearts, Holy Father, and give us a humble and contrite heart which we know You will not despise.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we pray You will guide and direct our leaders as they attempt to serve the varied interests and needs of this nation.

Ohio: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Ohio – George V. Voinovich, Sherrod Brown, Steve L. Driehaus, Jean Schmidt, Michael R. Turner, Jim Jordan, Robert E. Latta, Charlie Wilson, Steve Austria, John A. Boehner, Marcy Kaptur, Dennis J. Kucinich, Marcia L Fudge, Patrick J. Tiberi, Betty Sutton, Steven C. LaTourette, Mary Jo Kilroy, John A. Boccieri, Tim Ryan, and Zack Space.

International: Daniel:2;21

Our Father, we intercede for the nations of the earth whose leaders deny Your power. We pray You will give hope to the righteous who await You to establish righteousness and take down kings according to Your plans and purposes.

Israel: Micah 7:8

Our Father, we repent of our pride thinking we have replaced Israel that we do not need their teachings and instructions.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: July 13, 1564 - *A Christian girl, the servant of a wealthy and much envied Jewish tax collector, is found dead in Brest Litovsk, Poland (today Belourussia S.S.R). The tax collector's Jewish servant Abramovich is accused of ritual murder. He is tortured and executed on July 13 in Bielsk, Lithuania.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: II Chronicles 7:14

Our Father, thank You that we can come to You in humility and seek Your Face, and that You receive us because of the atoning blood sacrifice of Jesus.

Repenting for the Sin of Presumption

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

On This Day, 70 Years Ago, September 1, 1939, World War II Was Declared

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in me. I repent that I have presumed upon Your love and mercy.

Worship: Psalm 148 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Ezekiel 33:4-6

We confess and repent of our lack of desire to enter into the work of the LORD when we see wickedness in the earth. Forgive us please, Father, and cause us to be Your instruments, loving not our lives even unto death.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Exodus 33:13

Our Father send Your Holy Spirit, we pray, to give us knowledge to know how to walk in Your Will and Your Ways.

Michigan: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Michigan – Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow, Bart Stupak, Peter Hoekstra, Vernon J. Ehlers, Dave Camp, Dale E. Kildee, Fred Upton, Mark H. Schauer, Michael J. Rogers, Gary C. Peters, Candice S. Miller, Thaddeus G. McCotter, Sander M. Levin, Carolyn C. Kilpatrick, John Conyers Jr., and John D. Dingell.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we repent for the nations of the world who act presumptuously against You. We humble ourselves before You and beseech You to change hearts and minds that there may be peace and goodwill for all mankind.

Israel: Our Father, we repent for the sin of presumption as we see our nation and the nations standing against Your revealed will and purpose for Israel.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: July 14, 1683 When the Christian population of the town of Ungarisch-Brod, Bohemia (today Hungary), attacks Brod's small Jewish community, 113 Jews are killed. Austrian troops, who are stationed there to fight the Turks, witness the killings and do not intervene.

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: I John 1:9

Our Father praise and thank You for Your great compassion and the provision of forgiveness of our sins..

**Repenting for the Sin of Doubt & Unbelief
Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Our Father, I confess and repent of failing to act in faith in not allowing You to move in my life because of my doubt and unbelief.

Worship: Psalm 66:1-4 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Luke 1:19-20

Our Father, we confess and repent that we are guilty of the sin of doubt and unbelief. We believe there are many to whom You would impart healing, salvation and restoration but remain unchanged because of our unbelief.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5.

Father we pray the leaders of this nation would stand upon the godly principles of our founding fathers.

Pennsylvania: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Pennsylvania – Arlen Specter, Robert P. Casey Jr., Robert A. Brady, Chaka Fattah, Kathy Dahlkemper, Jason Altmire, Glenn W. “GI” Thompson Jr., Jim Gerlach, Joe Sestak, Patrick J. Murphy, Bill Shuster, Christopher P. Carney, Paul E. Kanjorski, John P. Murtha, Allyson V. Schwartz, Mike Doyle, Charles W. Dent, Joseph R. Pitts, Tim Holden, Tim Murphy, and Todd R. Platts.

International: Daniel 5:25

Our Father, please reveal Yourself to the rulers of the nations convicting them of sin, judgment and righteousness that they might bring honor to Your Name.

Israel: We bless the Jewish people and the nation of Israel and ask that they be restored to the teachings of the Torah. We pray You will give their leaders great wisdom and faith to believe and act according to Your Covenants.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: July 15, 1267 - A Christian girl is found dead in Pforzheim, Germany, and the local Jews are accused of ritual murder. Three Jewish notables commit suicide, probably forcibly, in order to save the rest of the community. Their corpses are broken on the wheel. September 22, 1287 - In the village of Lahstein, Germany, 6 Jews are massacred in connection with the ritual murder accusation against the Jews of Oberwesel, Germany.

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: I Peter 1:7-9 Our Father, we praise and thank You that You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. As we participate in these days of Teshuvah with the Jewish people we pray we will see Your glory afresh and anew.

Repenting of the Sin of Self Exaltation and Self Idolatry

Thursday, September 3, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Our Father, we confess and repent of our desire to seek our own will and not Yours. Pour into us the love and devotion which Your son, Jesus had for You.

Worship: Psalm 93 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Zechariah 7:12-13

We confess and repent that our sin of self exaltation and self idolatry promotes our self sufficiency keeping us from humbling ourselves before You in prayer

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5.

Our Father, please bring unity of purpose and integrity to our leaders that lawlessness will not prevail in our land.

Georgia: Intercede for the elected Congressional officials of the state of Georgia – Saxby Chambliss, Johnny Isakson, Jack Kingston, Sanford D. Bishop Jr., Lynn A. Westmoreland, Henry C. “Hank” Johnson, John Lewis, Tom Price, John Linder, Jim Marshall, Nathan Deal, Paul C. Brown, Phil Gingrey, John Barrow, and David Scott.

International: Psalm 19:1-4

Our Father, we humbly ask You to expose the secret counsel of the wicked and bring Your fear upon those leaders of nations who seek to oppress others.

Israel: Psalm 22:6

Our Father, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We ask Your blessing upon all those living in Israel and protect them from all terrorist attacks.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *October 24, 1492 - In Mecklemburg, Germany, 24 Jews, among them 2 women, have been falsely accused of host desecration by a priest. They are burned at the stake and the site of the pyre becomes known as the Judenber (Jews' Hill).*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving

Repenting for Failure to Do Justice
Friday, September 4, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 98 - Musical selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Psalm 82:1-4

Our Father, we repent that the church has not stood for the needs of the weak and needy around us.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Isaiah 59:11-14

We agree with Your Word that we growl and grumble and multiply our transgressions instead of speaking the truth and ushering in righteousness. We repent for desiring comfort more than justice.

North Carolina: Intercede for the elected Congressional officials of the state of North Carolina – Richard Burr, Kay R. Hagan, G. K. Butterfield, Bob Etheridge, Walter B. Jones Jr., David E. Price, Virginia Foxx, Howard Coble, Mike McIntyre, Larry Kissell, Sue Myrick, Patrick T. McHenry, Heath Shuler, Melvin L. Watt, and Brad Miller.

International: Proverbs 29:4; 28:5

Interceding for the leaders of Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and North Korea for their constant threat to peace, praying that they would seek the LORD and be turned self interest. We pray Your intervention where Believers are being persecuted for their Faith in Jesus.

Israel: Amos 5:24

Interceding for Israel to stand firm in her promises from the LORD that through them justice and righteousness will flow to the nations.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *December 17, 1531 - A bull issued by Pope Clement IV establishes the inquisition in Portugal. Most of the victims will be "New Christians," Jews who were forcibly baptized in 1492 in Spain and their descendants, who secretly continue to adhere to their old faith. Many seek refuge in Portugal, whose kings are more tolerant than the Royal House of Spain. Several hundred thousand Spanish and Portuguese Jews will fall victim to the Inquisition.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: Isaiah 28:5-6

Praising the LORD for the beauty of His justice and the strength He promises.

**Repenting for Failure to Love Mercy
Saturday, September 5, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 89:1-8 - Musical selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Matthew 18:21-35; James 2:12-13

Thank You, Our Father, Your mercy triumphs over the justice we all deserve. We repent for the Church exacting its own judgment on individuals as well as people groups.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We repent that we, as a nation, abuse the mercy of GOD, taking it as a license to live without accountability, without gratitude, and without humbly returning His love for us.

Utah: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Utah – Orrin G. Hatch, Robert F. Bennett, Rob Bishop, Jim Matheson, Jason Chaffetz.

New Jersey:

Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of New Jersey – Frank R. Lautenberg, Robert Menendez, Robert E. Andrews, Frank A LoBiondo, John A. Adler, Christopher H. Smith, Scott Garrett, Frank Pallone Jr., Leonard Lance, Bill Pascrell Jr., Steven R. Rothman, Donald M. Payne, Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Rush D. Holt, and Albia Sires.

International: Proverbs 28:13-15

Interceding for the leaders of the nations to renounce their sins and rule with mercy justice.

Israel: Romans 11:28-31

We repent for our blindness to the role Israel has played in our receiving mercy; intercede for GOD's mercy to flow freely to the Jewish people. Thank You, GOD, for Your wonderful mercy and plan of redemption.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *October 23, 1541 - The Portuguese Inquisition holds an auto-da-fe' in Lisbon. Five people found guilty of adhering to the Jewish faith are burned at the stake. One of them is Goncalo Eannes Bandarra, who thinks himself to be a prophet.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: Habakkuk 3:2

Recounting and rejoicing in GOD's deeds of mercy.

Repenting for Failure to Walk Humbly with the LORD

Sunday, September 6, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 149:1-6a - Musical selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Micah 6:8

Our Father we repent for how the Church often fails to walk humbly before You. We pray the Holy Spirit will give us a heart to walk humbly before You.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

We repent that we have become proud before our GOD and before the nations. We repent that we do not walk humbly before Him. We seek His wisdom but have rejected His Law and His Word.

Massachusetts: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Massachusetts – Edward M. Kennedy, John F. Kerry, John W. Olver, Richard E. Neal, James P. McGovern, Barney Frank, Niki Tsongas, John F. Tierney, Edward J. Markey, Michael E. Capuano, Stephen F. Lynch, and William D. Delahunt.

International: Psalm 149:7-9a

We repent for how nation decides judgment against nation and metes out judgment against each other. We repent for disregarding that it is the LORD Who sits on the Throne and all the nations are His.

Israel: Psalm 149:2-3

We pray that Israel will truly rejoice in the LORD, the Almighty One. We repent for having judged them instead of learning from them about the intimacy of their relationship with Your Torah.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *December 17, 1595 - A great auto-da-fe' is in Lima, Peru, where the Inquisition Tribunal was established in 1571. There, ten people are accused of Judaizing, secretly practicing Judaism, and 4 of them are burned at the stake. Before being burned, 3 are garroted and one, called Francisco Rodriguez, is burned alive.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving: Psalm 149:4

Thanking GOD for the crown of salvation and for His delight in His people.

**Repenting for the Sin of Apathy –
Doing the Work of the LORD with Slackness
Monday, September 7, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: I Chronicles 29:10-13 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Proverbs 6:9, John 2:17, Romans 12:11

Our Father, we are grateful that you have awakened us enough that we can repent of our apathy. We have just begun to realize our slackness, our carelessness, and our thoughtlessness in matters of Your house. Would You grant us the zeal for Your house and Your great Name as your Son had ?

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Romans 13:11

Our Father, we ask on behalf of our nation Your forgiveness for the lack of understanding of Your ways making us apathetic toward Your commands. We repent that we Believers lack zeal failing to give ourselves whole-heartedly to You.

Missouri: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Missouri – Christopher S. “Kit” Bond, Claire McCaskill, William Lacy Clay, Todd Akin, Ross Carnahan, Ike Skelton, Emmanuel Cleaver II, Sam Graves, Roy Blunt, Jo Ann Emerson, Blaine Luetkemeyer.

International: Psalm 57: 8-11, Judges 5:12

Our Father, we repent that the whole world has been taken captive by deceiving spirits bringing them into deception and lulling them into a state of weakness and powerlessness to fulfill Your purposes. We pray for a spirit of revelation that they might know the Truth and be set free.

Israel: Isaiah 51:9, 17; Isaiah 52:1

Our Father, we pray You will awaken the Jewish people with Your Spirit of Revelation concerning Your Covenants and purposes for them.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *In 1483, Tomas de Torquemada was appointed as "Grand Inquisitor of the Spanish Inquisition." Jews of Spain had been forced to convert to Christianity, and the Inquisition was designed to uncover those who were continuing to practice their Judaism in secret (called Conversos or Marranos). Those who never confessed were burned at the stake; those who did confess were strangled first. Torquemada believed that as long as the Jews remained in Spain, they might influence the tens of thousands of Jews who had converted to Christianity. It was on his recommendation that the remainder*

of the Jewish community -- 200,000 people -- was expelled from Spain in 1492. An estimated 32,000 were burned at the stake, and Torquemada's name became a byword for cruelty and fanaticism in the service of religion. The order of expulsion was not officially voided by the government of Spain until 1968.

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for Having Lost the Fear of the LORD
Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 118:1-4, 26-29 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Isaiah 11:2-3

Our Father, we repent of having lost Holy, reverential Fear of You. You are a Holy GOD. We treat You and Your Word with appalling casualness. May we fall upon our faces and honor You with all our hearts. May we be wholly devoted to You! How we have fallen. We wink at scandal; we compromise and don't even notice. Without Fear of You, we are capable of every sort of evil. We cry out to You and ask You to deliver us from our sad state. Please put Holy Fear into our hearts.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we have ruled in our government and our courts to remove You from our lives. We cannot pray in our schools nor can we display Your Ten Commandments in our public buildings. Many outrages we have seen, but we have largely remained silent. We ask forgiveness.

Indiana: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Indiana – Richard G. Lugar, Evan Bayh, Peter J. Visclosky, Joe Donnelly, Mark E. Souder, Steve Buyer, Dan Burton, Mike Pence, Andre Carson, Brad Ellsworth, Baron Hill.

International: Romans 1:21

Our Father, You are the LORD of the Harvest, the fields of the earth are white; we are complacent and untroubled by the needs of the Harvest. We repent, please forgive us and change us, we pray.

Israel: Proverbs 9:10

Our Father, we pray in Your mercy You will give leaders of Israel and all the Jewish people a fresh revelation of the Fear of You. Restore the awesomeness of Your Holy Name, of Your Word and Your Purposes for the Land and Your chosen people Israel.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *December 26, 1664 - In the town of Coimbra, the Portuguese Inquisition holds a huge auto-da-fe' involving 237 people mainly accused of Judaizing, secretly practicing the Jewish religion. They are deprived of their civil rights and their wealth and are required to do public penance.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for Failure to Trust in the LORD
Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 33 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Psalm 56:3, 9-13

Our Father, Your Word is true and trustworthy. But we have ignored Your promises, complained and failed to trust You. We repent that we have persisted in

our self reliance and our sin of not trusting You. We seek Your forgiveness.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Psalm 147:11

Our Father, we ask forgiveness for failing to trust You in all circumstances. We ask You to revive our nation and restore us to our trust in You. We confess and repent that we do not live as our money states we trust in You. We seek an awaken for all Believers that we will trust You and be a light to the Nation.

Tennessee: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Tennessee – Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker, Phil Roe, John J. Duncan Jr., Zach Wamp, Lincoln Davis, Jim Cooper, Bart Gordon, Marsha Blackburn, John S. Tanner, and Steve Cohen.

International: Psalm 2

Our Father, we repent that the Nations rage against You. They do not Fear You, they do not seek to know Your word so they do not put their trust in You. We

ask that You will send forth Your Spirit to enlighten those leaders of nations that will humble themselves under Your mighty hand and put their trust in You.

Israel: Isaiah 44:21-26

Our Father, we lift up the Holocaust Survivors to You especially those suffering from memories of their tortured past, physical pain and financial needs. We repent for any part that we or our families contributed to their suffering. We ask You to bless, comfort them and provide for each of their needs.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *Rabbi Don Yitzhak Abravanel (1437-1508), a leader during the Golden Age of Spanish Jewry. After having served as treasurer to the king of Portugal, Abravanel became a minister in the court of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. In 1492, Isabella signed a decree expelling all Jews who refused to convert to Christianity. In the Inquisition, an estimated 32,000 Jews were burned at the stake and another 200,000 were expelled from Spain. Rabbi Abrabanel reportedly offered Queen Isabella the astronomical sum of 600,000 crowns to revoke the edict. Abrabanel was unable to prevent the expulsion and was exiled along with his people. Most of his rabbinic writings were composed in his later years when he was free of governmental responsibilities.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for the Sin of Blindness – Hypocrisy **Thursday, September 10, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 95 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Genesis 3:7

Our Father, we confess and repent that our eyes are scaled toward the Jewish people and in our hypocrisy we esteem ourselves above others. Please remove the scales from our eyes and continue to show us our own sins. Give us repentant hearts and turn us from sinning against You.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent we do not know Your Truth. We repent not only for ourselves but also on behalf of the leaders of our country for our blindness and hypocrisy. We ask You to open our eyes and reveal the sin of

hypocrisy. We repent and ask that You will reveal and remove all roots of anti-Semitism from our Nation.

Wisconsin: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Wisconsin – Herb Kohl, Russ Feingold, Paul Ryan, Tammy Baldwin, Ron Kind, Gwen Moore, F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., Thomas E. Petri, David R. Obey, Steve Kagen.

North Dakota: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of North Dakota – Kent Conrad, Byron L. Dorgan, Earl Pomeroy.

Oklahoma: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Oklahoma – James M. Inhofe, Tom Coburn, John Sullivan, Dan Boren, Frank D. Lucas, Tom Cole, and Mary Fallin.

International: John 10:14-16

Our Father, we confess and repent that sin has brought great darkness upon the whole earth. We thank You for each Missionary bringing Your Truth and the Light of Christ to the nations, may it spread abroad to all the earth. Let Your Kingdom come.

Israel: Numbers 6:24-26

Our Father, we ask You to deliver Israel from the hatred and hypocrisy of the nations seeking their annihilation. We ask for Your blessings and protection for Israel and the Jewish people.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: October 5, 1737 - *An auto-da-fe' is held in Lisbon, Portugal, in which figures Antonio Jose 'da Silva, one of the best-known comedy writers of his time, and his wife and mother. They are accused of being Judaizers descendants of Jews forcibly baptized some centuries ago who still practice the Jewish religion in secret. Although King Jose' I himself intervenes on his behalf, da Silva is condemned to death by the Inquisition. He is garroted and his corpse is burned at the stake. His mother and his wife publicly abjure the Jewish faith.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting of the Sin of Shedding Innocent Blood **Friday, September 11, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 8 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Psalm 94:21, Acts 22:20

Our Father, we are part of your Church that for many centuries has failed to be the light and standard of righteousness. Instead of acting in the Holy Fear of the LORD, we compromised and approved of what was politically expedient. We repent of our lukewarmness that allowed blood to be shed. We repent of our silence, in order to protect ourselves, when others were being harmed.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, as a nation we have shed innocent blood. We repent for each of the four major sheddings of blood in our country: 1) the shedding of the blood of the Native Americans, 2) the African slaves, 3) the Jewish people who were refused entrance to our country at the time of the Holocaust, 4) the aborted babies.

Washington: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Washington – Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell, Jay Inslee, Rick Larsen, Brian Baird, Doc Hastings, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Norman D. Dicks, Jim McDermott, Dave Reichert, Adam Smith.

Nevada: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Nevada Harry Reid, John Ensign, Shelley Berkley, Dean Heller, Dina Titus.

New Hampshire: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of New Hampshire – Judd Gregg, Jeanne Shaheen, Carol Shea-Porter, and Paul W. Hodes.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent of the many unspeakable atrocities of the shedding of innocent blood committed in every nation. We appeal to Your mercy and forgiveness, in the Name of Jesus, the Messiah, whose Blood was shed for the sins of the world. It is not Your will that any be lost; in Your wrath, remember mercy.

Israel: Numbers 35:33-34

Our Father, we confess and repent that for centuries the nations have shed the innocent blood of the Jewish people. They have suffered so much as carriers of Your Truth. We thank You for restoring them to the Land of promise and we ask forgiveness for the shedding of innocent blood on Your Land. We give You thanks, O LORD, that Your love for Israel endures forever!

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *December 2, 1264 - A convert who has taken the name Abraham appears in the small town of Sinzig, Germany, preaching Judaism. He is immediately arrested and imprisoned. As he refuses to die as a Christian, he is cruelly tortured and burned alive at the stake.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for the Sin of Fear Saturday, September 12, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 62 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Matthew 28:20; I John 4:18

Our Father, as Believers we repent of fearing so many things when You have told us You will always be with us. You have stated over and over in your Word not to fear and not to be afraid. Please forgive us and our leaders for succumbing to fear. Please replace fear with love, that we abide in You, the source of our Faith.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Jeremiah 2:13

Our Father, our national motto states, “In GOD we Trust.” We confess and repent that we have strayed far from You. We make national decisions based on fear instead of faith in You. We have lost trust in Your power to keep us and have held tightly to human control as if You do not exist.

Kentucky: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Kentucky– Mitch McConnell, Jim Bunning, Ed Whitfield, Brett Guthrie, John A. Yarmuth, Geoff Davis, Harold Rogers, Ben Chandler.

Iowa: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Iowa – Charles E. Grassley, Tom Harkin, Bruce L. Braley, David Loebsack, Leonard L. Boswell, Tom Latham, and Steve King.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent that though You have created each nation and given them leaders and know each one by name yet they have not known You. Fear grips the planet, terrors are on every side yet men fail to see Your providential care and call out to you in truth. Yet Your love is everlasting. Please open the doors for the truth of the gospel and spread abroad the love that casts out fear.

Israel: Jeremiah 30:10

Our Father, we pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters that You would grant them great supernatural grace to withstand fear in a hostile world. As you gave Joshua and Caleb overriding trust in your power, grant this again in our day. We ask that all natural fear would bow to Your Holy Word and Your precious promises. Revive hope in You. May the courage and boldness of David arise again.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: September 20, 1540 - The first auto-da-fe' of conversos (forcibly baptized Jews) is held in Lisbon, Portugal, after the establishment of an Inquisition tribunal there. The Lisbon Inquisition will become the country's most active. On December 1, 1652 - An auto-da-fe' takes place in Lisbon, Portugal. On the charge of secretly practicing Judaism, Manuel Fernandez Villareal is sentenced to death and burned alive.

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting of the Sin of Prejudice Leading to Cruelty Sunday, September 13, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 34 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Matthew 25:35-45

Our Father, You who look on the lowly and lift them up, You who are concerned for the hungry, the naked, the lame, and the hurting, have mercy on us! We confess and repent that we who have been blessed with so much have failed to follow Your ways. We have disdained those who are precious to You in failing to help those in need. We have acted wickedly in our indifference and selfishness. Forgive us.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Psalm 138:6

Our Father, we confess and repent that our hearts have been unloving. We have looked at others who were different from ourselves with suspicion and disdain. We fail to see beyond the surface and recognize that they are precious to You and therefore should be to us. It is shameful the way we cruelly treated those You treasure: the Native Americans, the African slaves, the Jewish refugees, the Asians during WWII. Our Father, forgive us and our Nation.

Oregon: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Oregon – Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley, David Wu, Greg Walden, Earl Blumenauer, Peter A. DeFazio, Kurt Schrader.

Vermont: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Vermont – Patrick J. Leahy, Bernard Sanders, Peter Welch.

Hawaii: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Hawaii- Daniel K. Inouye, Daniel K. Akaka, Neil Abercrombie, and Mazie Hironaka.

International: Psalm 2

Our Father, our King, we bow before You and ask You to forgive our sins. We confess and repent that the whole world has resisted Your kindness and Your truth. As members of the inhabitants of this beautiful earth that You created, we ask forgiveness for our hard hearts in dealing treacherously with others. Let Your beauty, truth and awesome power be seen and may You be loved by all mankind. May Your extravagant grace soften our cold, hard hearts to worship You.

Israel: Psalm 41:4, Psalm 40:11-12

Our Father, we ask that You remember Your great mercy toward Your people. If You counted our sins against us, who could stand? Our Jewish brothers have been the target of so much hatred and have endured much pain for many centuries. Bring victories to them individually and nationally. Grant that they would experience Your love and the love from Christians/the Church.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *December 21, 1625 - In 1618 an Edict of Faith was published in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by an Inquisitor specially dispatched from Lisbon, Portugal, resulting in many arrests of "New Christians" accused of Judaizing. Consequently many of them flee to Spanish territory. On this date, some of these refugees are tried in an auto-da-fe' in Lima, Peru. Ten of them are "reconciled," which means doing public penance, confiscation of their property and deprivation of their civic rights. Four are burned at the stake, two of them are garroted beforehand.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

**Repenting for Failure to Seek Intimacy with the LORD
Monday, September 14, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 45 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: John 15:1-9

Our Father, thank You for extending Your hand all day long waiting for us to come to You. We confess and repent we who are called by Your Name fail to seek and inquire of You.. We have accepted a lukewarm relationship thinking a powerless church is normal. We pray You will give us a love and hunger for

intimacy with You - as we abide in the Messiah we will love You with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Proverbs 18:10

Our Father, as citizens, we repent of the way we have acted toward You. With the term “separation of church and state,” our nation has exalted separation from You as a good thing. We declare we are in great need of Your guidance. Instead of sincerely seeking Your will, we resist calling upon You in the name of Jesus. How grievous is our sin! How arrogant we are! O LORD, we ask that You would forgive and cleanse us through the power of the blood of Your Son, Jesus.

Mississippi: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Mississippi – Thad Cochran, Roger F. Wicker, Travis W. Childers, Bennie G. Thompson, Gregg Harper, Gene Taylor.

Montana: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Montana – Max Baucus, Jon Tester, and Dennis Rehberg.

International: Romans 1:18-22

Our Father, have mercy on us. The nations of the earth are so in need of Your light. Many that once knew You have turned away, they have fallen into ignorance and/or deception. Others have never known You and are under a thick darkness. They are plotting to destroy Your people and Your plan for redemption. Our Father, You long to bring us close to You as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Thank You for Your divine plan for the earth; let Truth prevail.

Israel: Psalm 23

Our Father, we repent for the lack of prayer and the silence of the Church / Christians as we see the nations surrounding Israel seeking to annihilate the Jewish people. We repent for the silence of our Nation in failing to stand for the protection of Israel. We repent for pressuring Israel's leaders to give up her land and Jerusalem. We repent for grieving Your heart, failing to be a true friend to Israel.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *In 1393, following a massacre of Jews at Majorca, an edict was issued guaranteeing the Jews protection. (Majorca is one of the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean Sea.) In just a few short years the protective decree was forgotten; persecution of the Jews began again in 1413. By 1435, the Jewish community had been completely destroyed, with many Jews forcibly converted to Christianity. These forced converts retained Jewish practice in private, but they publicly boiled pork lard in large pots, as a way to appear non-Jewish. (Hence these Jews were nicknamed Chuetas -- "pork lard.")*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

**Repenting for Committing a Breach of Faith –
Through The Sin of Ignorance
Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 47 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Leviticus 5:14-15; 6:1-2

Our Father, we confess and repent that we and our leaders have committed sins of ignorance against You. We recognize that sin creates a breach in our relationship with You. During Teshuvah, we ask You to reveal the sins grieving You that we can repent and seek Your forgiveness. We repent for losing the Jewish context, the root of Your New Covenant Scriptures, through which we Gentiles have our very relationship with You.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Luke 22:26.

Our Father, we repent for not choosing Godly servant leaders, and Godly Laws to lead us in Your ways. We ask that You reveal Yourself to the leaders of our Nation and turn their hearts to fear and serve You.

Louisiana: We intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Louisiana – Mary L. Landrieu, David Vitter, Steve Scalise, Anh “Joseph” Cao, Charlie Melancon, John Fleming, Rodney Alexander, Bill Cassidy, and Charles W. Bustamy Jr.

International: Psalms 2:1-3.

Our Father, we repent for not understanding our responsibility to keep the welfare of Israel before the World leaders. The Spiritual blindness of many nations results in lack of support for Israel. We ask that You bring forth Godly leaders for our country who will take right counsel with the kings of the earth to support Israel.

Israel: We ask You to remove the blindness and unbelief of the Jews in Israel and throughout the earth; draw them to Yourself. Give them a hunger for Your Torah, a desire to live in accordance with Your Statutes, rejoicing in Your plan for them.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: December 26, 1664 - In the town of Coimbra, the Portuguese Inquisition holds a huge auto-da-fe' involving 237 people mainly accused of Judaizing, secretly practicing the Jewish religion. They are deprived of their civil rights and their wealth and are required to do public penance.

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for the Sin of Rebellion and Independent Spirit
Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 144 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Isaiah 29:13, Hebrews 3:7-8, 15

Our Father, we confess and repent for our sin of rebellion and having an independent spirit; honoring You with our lips while our hearts are proud. We repent for seeking to do our will and enhance our kingdom. Awaken us that we died with Christ and as we abide in Him we can be delivered from the power of our flesh. Give us grace to humble ourselves before You and one another with the mind of Christ and a pure heart.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent of the sins of rebellion in our nation. The many occult activities, manipulation, control of people and circumstances, the seeking after every kind of errant pleasure; we confess we have acted shamefully before You and the Nations. Our sins are so great, we have dishonored Your Name. We ask You to give us a deep repentance to seek Your mercy and forgiveness and lead us into Your righteousness.

Alabama: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Alabama – Richard C. Shelby, Jeff Sessions, Jo Bonner, Bobby Bright, Michael D. Rogers, Robert R. Aderholt, Parker Griffith, Spencer Bachus, and Artur Davis.

International: Matt 11:28-30

Our Father, we confess and repent that we fail to pray for the suffering humanity of our world: for those crying out for the rest and peace, for those suffering for the cause of righteousness, and for those who hunger and are without shelter and safety. We ask forgiveness where we have failed them and for Your mercy that You will send laborers to the poor, the suffering and persecuted. May their physical and spiritual needs be met; rescue them from the grips of the evil one.

Israel: Genesis 12:1-3

Our Father, we acknowledge and repent of our sin of rebellion against You and the Jewish people. We, the Church/Christians have acted independently of

Your revealed Word. In our pride we have spoken boastfully, teaching untruths against the Jewish people resulting in great suffering and persecution for them. Open our eyes to every evil attitude and behavior and turn our hearts to hate all forms of anti-Semitism in name of Jesus. Grant the Jewish people grace to forgive us and heal their wounds caused by our sins.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *October 17, 1660 - An auto-da-fe' is held in Lisbon, Portugal. Several people are accused of being Judaizers, descendants of Jews forcibly baptized some centuries before who still practice the Jewish religion in secret. All of them are executed.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Repenting for the Sin of Slander Thursday, September 17, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 48 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Proverbs 30:5-12, Psalm 15:1-3, 1 Pet 2:1

Our Father, we come to Your Throne of Grace to receive grace to repent and turn from our speech that harms others. We confess and repent for speaking wrongly and hurtfully. We can cast innuendo, doubt, with a subtleness that deceives even ourselves. We do not recognize the anti-Semitic slurs in our words. Help us be alert to our motivation and stop us from all unwholesome speech.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Psalm 40:9-10, Colossians 3:8,

Our Father, we confess and repent for taking part in the sin of slander, for listening to gossip or participating by listening. We confess due to our lack of love for You and our neighbor we have allowed ourselves to be sucked into this evil. Our Father, forgive us and give us loving- pure hearts toward You and others.

South Carolina: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of South Carolina – Lindsey Graham, Jim DeMint, Henry E. Brown Jr., Joe Wilson, J. Gresham Barrett, Bob Inglis, John M. Spratt Jr., and James E. Clyburn.

International: John 8:32

Our Father, our hearts grieve with Your heart when leaders of nations speak lies about Your own Land and the Jewish people. The lies are intentional and vile, born out of hatred of You and Your redemptive plan. Remember Your promises to the descendants of Abraham, the Jewish people and show Yourself mighty for Your great Name's sake. Forgive us our prayerlessness for our Jewish Brothers.

Israel: Psalm 28:1-3, John 10:27

Our Father, we thank You for being the shepherd of Your flock, Israel. We pray they will hear Your Word and Fear only You, not the evil words of men. We praise and thank You for keeping Your covenant bringing the Jewish people back to their home Land. We ask that You bless and protect them for the glory of Your Name.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *October 19, 1704 - An auto-da-fe' is held in Lisbon, Portugal, in which Diego Nunes Ribeiro is accused of being a Judaizer, a descendant of Jews forcibly baptized some centuries ago who still secretly practices the Jewish religion. He does penance and is reconciled with the Church, but finally he flees to England.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for Failure to Grieve over Grieving our Father's Heart Friday, September 18, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 99 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Genesis 6:5-6 NIV; Luke 17:22-29; II Timothy 3:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent for the pain we have bought to Your heart. Our sins parallel those in the days of Noah and Lot. We see the fulfillment of the words of the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 3. Yet, we hardly notice the grief Christians and mankind are inflicting upon You. We repent for our blindness, our hardness of heart. Please help us discern the times, to be vigilant and prayerful as we see the storm clouds of judgment gathering, the Day of the LORD approaching. Our Father, forgive us; in Your judgments remember mercy. You are an awesome wonderful Creator and Father! Keep our eyes upon You.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, our ignorance and indifference to You causes us to not even think about Your feelings. We do not seek to know or repent of our wrongdoing. We charge ahead as if You didn't exist. We legislate in our governments as if there were no GOD. Have mercy on us, O LORD, and heal our hard hearts, we ask.

West Virginia: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of West Virginia – Robert C. Byrd, John D. Rockefeller IV, Alan B. Mollohan, Shelley Moore, Nick J. Rahall.

Nebraska: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Nebraska – Ben Nelson, Mike Johanns, Jeff Fortenberry, Lee Terry and Adrian Smith.

International: Isaiah 5:4; Psalm 115:16

Our Father, we confess and repent that we live in a broken, needy world though in creation You gave mankind everything he needed. Our bodies are fearfully and wonderfully made. You created a world of great beauty providing mankind with nutritious food. You lavished Your love upon us providing salvation through the giving of Your own Son's life for us. Still, we have not honored You! We have not been grateful in acknowledging that You provided all things for mankind. We repent we have abused Your earth, broken Your laws and destroyed life. We have not given ourselves to a world living in hunger, suffering and tyranny. We repent we have hurt You, by neglecting our responsibilities to care for others in the world living in need and the orphans and widows. Please forgive us.

Israel: Psalm 83

Our Father, we lift up Israel as they face a new wave of anti-Semitism advancing in the earth. We repent that the U.N. should be a body of nations meting out justice for all. We are grieved that they consistently stand against Israel by acts of injustice, by their silence and lack of support as Israel and other nations are facing the threat of annihilation from the Arab Nations.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *September 1, 1739 - An auto-da-fe' is held in Lisbon, Portugal, and 47 persons are accused of being Judaizers, descendants of Jews forcibly baptized some centuries ago who still adhere to the Jewish faith. Of the group 4 men and 8 women are burned alive as nonrepentants and the other 35 are sentenced to life imprisonment.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

**Repenting for Sin of Loving the World and
Accepting Worldly Standards
Saturday, September 19, 2009
Rosh Hashanah**

September 19 – September 20, 2009 (Tishri 1 - 2)

(For an Overview of Rosh Hashanah see the Preface / Prospectus of Teshuvah)

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 81:1-4; 97 – Enthroning the LORD as King of the Earth –
Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: I John 2:15-17; Acts 17:28

Our Father, We confess and repent for following the ways of the World. In many ways we are so desensitized we no longer even blush at the great sins invading the world and the Church. We treat our Worship services as if they were entertainment; we are the audience instead of all being in one accord with our hearts focused on You. Make us aware every minute that we live, move and have our being in Your Son, that we are Your bond-servants and in the World to be Your witnesses.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we repent of having forgotten our Holy calling in America and for destroying our children through divorce, pornography, homosexuality, and many evil addictions. Forgive our men for abandoning their Godly assignments as National and Church leaders, husbands, and fathers and our women as caretakers and standard bearers. Forgive us for getting enslaved by our pleasures and for expecting leisure when most of the world struggles daily for mere subsistence.

Minnesota: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Minnesota – Amy Klobuchar, Tim Walz, John Kline, Erik Paulsen, Betty McCollum, Keith Ellison, Michele Bachmann, Collin C. Peterson, and James L. Oberstar.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent that America (Christians) are failing to live the message of the Cross and not radiating Your light around the world. We've succumbed to idolizing secular standards, and abandoning our most important role – to be a beacon of Your Truth and Justice in the World. We ask Your help, protection and blessings on each missionary endeavor that represents You.

Israel: Exodus 4:22; Zechariah 2:8

Our Father, we confess and repent for following the World's tendency to abandon the Jews (Israel) while they've been persecuted, generation

after generation. Forgive us for seeing them through worldly eyes instead of as the *Apple of Your Eye* – Your firstborn that You dearly love. We ask You to bless them, to make Your face to shine upon them and give them Your peace and protection.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *October 16, 1746 - An auto-da-fe' is held in Lisbon, Portugal, in which figure 6 people accused of being Judaizers, descendants of Jews forcibly baptized some centuries ago who still practice the Jewish religion in secret - 3 of them are burned at the stake, 3 are burned in effigy.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

Repenting for the Sin of Failing to Look for His Appearing
Sunday, September 20, 2009
Rosh Hashanah
(Tishri 2)

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 81:1-4; 98- Enthroning the LORD as King - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 3:18-19

Our Father, we confess and repent for our sin of failing to look for Your appearing. We recognize in our present condition, our encrusted hearts and blinded eyes make us insensitive to Your revealed truth, times and seasons. We ask You to remove the hardness of our hearts and give us Your eyesalve to open our blind eyes that we will be responsive to You and the Spirit as we abide in Christ living in us.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Isaiah 1:16-20; 26:9

Our Father, we confess and repent that like Israel in the days of Isaiah we have acted corruptly and have selfishly sought our own gain above the needs of others. Have mercy upon us as we, the people of this great nation pray asking Your Spirit to guide the deliberations and actions of our leaders. Your judgments are being seen in the earth and yet we ignore them. Please give our leaders Your wisdom, knowledge and understanding for the difficult decisions they face in this hour. Make us a people who will accept Your righteous judgments and joyfully anticipate the appearance of our King who will rule the earth in righteousness.

Virginia: Intercede for elected Congressional officials of the state of Virginia – Jim Web, Mark R. Warner, Robert J. Wittman, Glenn C. Nye, Bobby Scott,

Randy Forbes, Tom Perriello, Bob Goodlatte, Eric I. Cantor, James P. Moran, Rick Boucher, Frank R. Wolf, and Gerry E. Connolly.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5; Daniel 2:21

Our Father, we confess and repent that many leaders of the nations have acted corruptly, in selfish gain exploiting their own people. We pray for them that they will have the revelation that You appointed them as rulers to act righteously, to look upon those hungry and starving with compassion. We pray You will send a messenger of truth to the leaders of the nations that they might repent and Fear You; that they might understand You are coming to execute judgment on the unrighteous actions of mankind.

Israel: Psalm 81:1-5; 89:1-4

Our Father, we praise and thank You that in obedience to Your word today the Shofar is being blown through out Israel and in every conservative and orthodox Synagogue in the world. Thank You that Your Word is eternal; the Jewish people are a witness to Your existence as they continue to follow Your Torah, statutes and commands. We praise You and sing of the mercies of the LORD forever. We thank You that in that day, when the Messiah of Israel comes You will bring forth the Salvation of Zion and all creation will glorify Your Name.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *July 6, 1348 - During the Black Death epidemic, for which the Jews were thought to be responsible, they were cruelly persecuted everywhere. When the plague reaches Spain, the Jewish community of Tarrega, Catalinia, numbering 300, are slaughtered and their corpses are thrown into a ditch and burned.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Repenting for the Sin of Leaving our Father's First Love Monday, September 21, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 96 - Musical Selections

Personal Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Exodus 4:22; Matthew 12:35-37; Romans 11:16-18

Our Father, we confess and repent that our eyes have been blind for many centuries to Your great love and plan of salvation. We have not understood Your call and enduring purpose for the Jewish people, that through them

Your salvation would come to all mankind through the seedline of Abraham. In pride our hearts were lifted up and became hardened to the very ones sent to bless us. We have fallen into deception regarding Your eternal purpose for Your Land and our Jewish family. We have mentally pushed Your firstborn, Israel out of Your family and attempted to take their place. How great are our offences! Forgive us for our pride and arrogance, being ungrateful for our roots, for disdain and dismissing the very tree into which we have been grafted.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Ephesians 5:14-17

Our Father, we confess and repent though You founded our country by many GOD-fearing leaders who sought to do Your will, we have been ignorant, arrogant and have wandered from Your Truth. We pray for the leaders of our Nation that they will be arrested by Your Spirit, that the Fear of the LORD will come upon them for their good and the good of the people of this great Nation. Forgive us for our complacency for not seeking You to lead us. We repent for acts of anti-Semitism carried out by the people of our Nation. We repent for the atrocities our leaders and citizens committed against the Jewish people during WWII denying their requests for help and safety. We repent for great hardness of heart and selfishness.

Kansas: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Kansas – Sam Brownback, Pat Roberts, Jerry Moran, Lynn Jenkins, Dennis Moore, Todd Tiahrt.

Idaho: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials for the state of Idaho – Mike Crapo, Jim Risch, Walt Minnick, Mike Simpson.

Oklahoma: Intercede for these elected officials for the state of Oklahoma – James M. Inhofe, Tom Coburn, John Sullivan, Dan Boren, Frank D. Lucas, Tom Cole; and Mary Fallin.

International: Ephesians 3:6 NIV Romans 11:29

Our Father, we confess and repent though it is Your will that all men be saved, but we, the Church, have failed to carry the gospel to every nation. Therefore Your plan for mankind is unknown and the people of the nations are deceived and hostile to the Truth of Your Word. We repent as Christians we have often been uncaring toward the needs of other nations. We have grossly misrepresented Jesus to our Jewish family while the Church has fostered anti-Semitism that has spread to all the nations. We have not esteemed Your Covenants, Festivals and know little of Your Calendar. Forgive us and change our hearts.

Israel: Ephesians 2:19

Our Father, You were first Israel's father. You chose them to be Your special people in this world through whom we all have received our salvation. Forgive us for not honoring them with loving hearts and acknowledging their special position in all the earth. Through them our Savior has come. Forgive us for disregarding Your eternal Covenants with them. We ask Your forgiveness.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: November 22, 1348 - After the annihilation of the Jewish communities of the Rhineland, the Black Death Persecutions spread to Bavaria and Swabia, provinces in southern Germany. The first Jewish community to perish in these massacres is Augsburg in Bavaria on November 22.

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise / Thanksgiving:

**Repenting of the Sin of Pride –
Our Hardness of Heart and Blindness Toward the Jewish People
Tuesday, September 22, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 92 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Romans 11:11-12

Our Father, we confess and repent of our hardness of heart and blindness toward Israel and the Jewish people beginning centuries ago and continuing in our day. Though our sins against them are many and the scope is wide yet most Christians are unaware of our history of anti-Semitism. We repent of our hard, proud hearts. We are Your beloved followers grafted in through the Messiah of Israel yet we have not esteemed our family the Jewish people. The Church at large gives little thought to Your eternal plan for Israel nor do we offer prayers for her well being. How blind we are and how unloving we have been toward Your beloved Chosen people! LORD, forgive us and open our eyes.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent though we are a nation that was birthed in the Fear of the LORD we have turned from our rich Scriptural heritage. Our founders honored You and sought Your guidance. You have blessed us like no other nation on the earth but in our prosperity, we have forsaken Your truth turning to a materialistic lifestyle. We have exchanged You and our heritage for wood, hay and stubble. Our Father, please have mercy on us and change our hearts.

Colorado:

Intercede for these elected congressional officials of the state of Colorado – Diana DeGette, Jared Polis, John T. Salazar, Betsy Markey, Doug Lamborn, Mike Coffman and Ed Perlmutter.

International: Ezekiel 35

Our Father, we are grieved though the U.N., the European Union and even our Nation have heard the daily threatening words from Iran and other Arab Nations to destroy Israel yet they have not risen to defend Your chosen people. Rather they too stand in criticism of Israel and pressure Israel's leadership to give up their Land which You gave them by Covenant. Satan has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts against Your Word, plan and purposes for Israel. In pride humanity persists in rebellion. We ask that You will reveal Your Word and way to those who desire to know truth and walk accordingly.

Israel: Genesis 17:1-11; Psalm 139:21-22

Our Father, we confess and repent that we, the Church have not been vocal for Israel. There is little or no prayer for their protection. Rather in our pride, blindness and hardness of heart major Christian denominations have called for divestment, to abandon Israel. These same Christian leaders call for the support of a Palestinian State in Israel's Covenant Land. We ask You to honor Your Covenant with Your people Israel and protect their Land.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *December 6, 1348 - The Jewish community of Lindau, a town on the Bodensee in Germany, is reached by the Black Death Persecutions. All Jews are either slain or burned at the stake.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Repenting for the Sin of Failure to Forgive Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 111 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Matthew 18:32-35; Colossian 3:13

Our Father, we confess and repent that we have been critical, selfish and unforgiving to one another. Our behavior brings dishonor to You, our Father. We are competitive, we take offense easily and we deny holding hostility and resentment toward one another. Our denominational pride causes us to disdain those who think differently than we do. We ask You to give us repentant hearts.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5; Ephesians 4:26

O Father, we confess and repent that we have allowed the sin of unforgiveness to take root in our Nation, allowing other offenses to abound and ensnare us. We repent of failing to forgive quickly. We are divided by our unforgiven offenses. We have let the sun go down on our anger. We ask for Your forgiveness.

Maryland: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Maryland – Barbara A. Mikulski, Benjamin L. Cardin, Frank Kratovil Jr., C. A. “Dutch” Ruppberger, John P. Sarbanes, Donna F. Edwards, Steny H. Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Chris Van Hollen, Jr.

International: Matthew 6:12, 14-15

Our Father, we confess and repent that mankind has rejected Your ways and followed after other gods. Therefore they have not experienced Your forgiveness and do not know the blessing of forgiving others. Hence Satan ensnares them to malign and war against one another. Please give us grace to forgive from our hearts now and in the future speaking blessings upon others.

Israel: 1 Kings 8:30, 34, 36, 39

Our Father, we thank You for the promise You gave King Solomon when he prayed asking You that when Israel sins and repents You will forgive them. Thank You that You are slow to anger and compassionate. We ask You to bless Israel, as You forgive them help them to forgive others.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: December 8, 1348 - *The entire Jewish community of the small town of Reutlingen in Wurttemberg, Germany, is annihilated in the course of the Black Death Persecutions. They are accused of planning to destroy Christian people by poisoning their water and thus spreading the plague.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

**Repenting for the Sin of Love of Money/Materialism
Thursday, September 24, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 101 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: I John 2:15

Our Father, we confess and repent for the sin of the love of money leading to materialism. We have allowed the standards of the world to creep into

the Church diluting our love for You, weakening our commitment and compromising our witness to others.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5; Luke 16:13

Our Father we confess and repent that America has failed You in being an example to the nations. In place of loving You we have modeled the love of Money/Materialism. Forgive us for failing to be Your Light to the nations.

Alaska: We intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Alaska – Lisa Murkowski, Mark Begich, Don Young.

New Mexico: We intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of New Mexico – Jeff Bingaman, Tom Udall, Martin Heinrich, Harry Teague, and Ben R. Lujan.

International: I Timothy 2:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent for our selfishness and blindness that the United States trade policies disrupt the less developed countries destroying their precarious economies. The U.S. is known around the world as a Christian Nation, such behavior destroys our witness. We ask You to bring conviction to those making these laws and carrying out these practices.

Israel: Genesis 12:1-3

Our Father, we repent for putting Israel's interests behind other countries that are her enemies, for putting Israel at risk in order to protect our trade agreements with those who don't honor You.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: December 20, 1348 - *The Jews of the small town of Horb on the Neckar River in Wurttemberg, Germany, fall victim to the Black Death Persecutions. They are burned at the stake, probably for alleged well poisoning, the most common accusation of the era.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

**Repenting for the Sin of Grumbling and Complaining
Friday, September 25, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 150 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Ephesians 4:29-30

Our Father, we confess and repent for the sin of grumbling and complaining. Our words come from a self-centered and ungrateful heart that brings forth whining, gossip and self-serving speech. We know this manner of conduct is grievous to You. Awaken us to speak righteous words.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Psalm 15:1-3

Our Father, we confess and repent that we are a people of unclean lips and we dwell among a people of unclean lips. We are a spoiled people, we grumble against one another. We grieve that many of our leaders have lost their integrity in speech and conduct. Sin has hardened our hearts toward You and one another. We ask You to awaken us to our backslidden condition.

Arizona: Intercede for the elected Congressional officials of the state of Arizona – John McCain, Jon Kyl, Ann Kirkpatrick, Trent Franks, John B. Shadegg, Ed Pastor, Harry E. Mitchell, Jeff Flake, Raul M. Grijalva, and Gabrielle Gilfords.

International: Lamentations 3:39-40, Numbers 11:1

Our Father, we confess and repent we have not prayed for the nations nor are we an example of Your love. You are the Lord of the Harvest. We ask You to send laborers to work in all the earth speaking of Your wonders. Let the truth of Your love and majesty be spoken to enlighten hearts. Let Your praise and thanksgiving arise in the earth.

Israel: Acts 6:1

Our Father, we ask forgiveness for every unkind word spoken by the leaders of the nations against Israel. We pray You will shield them from these harsh indictments which demeans them. Grant their leadership wisdom and strength to withstand the pressures and manipulations of the nations.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *December 29, 1348 - During the Black Death Persecutions, the Jews of Colmar on the Rhine, France, fall victim to the general "Jewslaying." On the allegation of having poisoned the wells in order to spread the plague, they are burned at the stake.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

**Repenting of the Sin of Failure to Remember and
Thank the LORD for His Blessings
Saturday, September 26, 2009**

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 148 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Psalm 103:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent of the sin of failing to remember and thank You for Your blessings. Awaken us to the great blessing of knowing You as our Father. How blessed we are. Forgive us that we daily forget to thank and praise You for being our Father and for all Your blessings.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5; Psalm 50:23;

Our Father, we confess and repent that we live in the most blessed country in the world and are privileged to live under a Constitution based on Biblical principles. But our nation has slipped from understanding this and giving You honor. We have moved from an attitude of thanking You for Your blessings to a haughty expectation of entitlements. Please forgive us.

Wyoming: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Wyoming – Michael B. Enzi, John Barasso, Cynthia M. Lummis.

Delaware: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Delaware – Thomas R. Carper, Ted Kaufman, Michael N. Castle.

South Dakota:

Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of South Dakota – Tim Johnson, John Thune, and Stephanie Herseth Sandlin.

International: Psalm 105:1-5

Our Father, we confess and repent that we have exploited Your creation to satisfy our selfish desires. You have created all things beautiful and in harmony. But we who were to oversee Your earth have abused Your creation. Please forgive us.

Israel: Jeremiah 2:2

Our Father, we thank You that You have always remembered Israel. You have engraved them on the palm of your hand. You have given them many precious promises and Covenants. We thank and praise You for keeping Your promise in restoring them to their covenant land. May the nations awaken to Your awesome purposes for Israel.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: August 27, 1349 - The Jewish Community of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany, is annihilated during the Black Death Persecution.

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Repenting for the Sin of Harboring Anger and Bitterness
Sunday, September 27, 2009

Personal Preparation & Intercession: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Isaiah 25:1 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Ephesians 4:31

Our Father, we confess and repent of the sin of harboring anger and bitterness. So many of our relationships are suffering because our hearts are encrusted, hardened by the judgments of the past. Our eyes are scaled and render us unable to see the needs of those whom we have not forgiven. Father, please forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5; Hebrews 12:15

Our Father, we confess and repent for giving place to angry and bitterness which defiles our hearts. We speak words of love and mercy but our hearts are corrupted by roots of bitterness thereby we act hypocritically. Convict us of our pride, anger, bitterness and judgmental spirit. We pray for the leaders of our nation to be freed from any spirit of anger and bitterness.

Arkansas: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Arkansas – Blanche L. Lincoln, Mark L. Pryor, Marion Berry, Vic Snyder, John Boozman, Mike Ross.

Rhode Island: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Rhode Island – Jack Reed, Sheldon Whitehouse, and Patrick J. Kennedy.

International: Isaiah 1:23

Our Father, we grieve that the nations are in strife one against another. Our world is desperately in need of Your truth and forgiveness; our sins are mounting up against us. Help us to be faithful stand in the gap for the leaders of the nations. Please speak to them by Your Spirit and help them to meet the needs of those over whom they rule over them.

Israel: Psalm 20:1; Joel 2:23

Our Father, we are blessed to know that You are faithful. You remember Your promises and Covenants. You have seen for centuries the injustices inflicted upon the Jewish people. They are so alone and desperately need Your help and protection for their daily lives. We ask that You will send rain for their physical and their spiritual needs.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *December 5, 1349 - Victims of the Black Death Persecutions, 55 Jews, are murdered in Nuremberg, Germany. Some of the Jews are slain, the others are burned at the stake. Many are tortured before being killed.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:8-14

We praise and thank You, our Father, for Your tender mercies are fresh every day. We trust You to bring forth the fruit of righteousness in our lives as we have been redeemed by the atoning blood of our Messiah of Israel, Jesus the Christ.

Repenting for Sin of Failure to Confess our Sins

Monday, September 28, 2009

(For an Overview of Yom Kippur see the Preface / Prospectus of Teshuvah)

Personal Preparation & Repentance: Psalm 139:23-24

Worship: Psalm 117 - Musical Selections

Repentance & Intercession:

Church: Isaiah 55:6-7

Our Father, we confess and repent of our failure to confess our sins. With the demands and busyness of the world, we often fail to examine our hearts. By failing to abide in Christ our minds are distracted and we succumb to the sin that does so easily beset us. Rend our hearts and help us to abide in You.

Nation: I Timothy 2:1-5, Ezra 10:11a

Our Father, we confess and repent that we fail to pray for our leaders as You have instructed us. Please give our leaders the humility and wisdom to confess and repent of their sins and weaknesses so that You may give them the guidance and favor they require to lead us in Your ways.

Maine:

Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Maine – Olympia J. Snowe, Susan M. Collins, Chellie Pingree, Michael H. Michaud.

Connecticut: Intercede for these elected Congressional officials of the state of Connecticut – Christopher J. Dodd, Joseph I. Lieberman, John B. Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa L. DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Christopher S. Murphy.

International: Proverbs 28:13

Our Father, we seek Your help for the leaders of the nations whose peoples live in strife and poverty. We intercede, asking for Your guidance to reveal Your ways bringing peace and blessing to the earth.

Israel: Leviticus 23:26-32; Malachi 4:4

Our Father, we thank You for this Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year that You gave to Moses to give to the Jewish people at Mt Sinai. We thank You that they were given all the Scriptures and that now they are revealed to us the gentile Believers. We all hope and rest in Your unfailing truth and mercy. We thank You for Your Word and pray blessings upon Israel today and forever.

Horror of Anti-Semitism: *November 15, 1491 - In La Guardia, near Toledo, Spain, 6 Jews and 5 Conversos accused of killing Christians with the help of black magic are condemned to death. The next day they will be burned at the stake.*

We abhor, denounce and repent of these great injustices to the Jewish people.

Praise & Thanksgiving: Malachi 3:16-17

Our Father, we thank You for these forty days of Repentance. We pray that our prayers have expressed the desires of Your heart. We join the Jewish people in crowning You as King of the Universe LORD over all the earth.