

# Hunger looms in Israel's future

Israel's agricultural output has fallen over 30% since hundreds of farms, and tens of thousands of farmers, have fled.

Israel's most fertile soil lies in ruin. Please pray that Israel's farmers are able to restore both the soil and equipment they need to feed Israel's people when the war ends.

### For Respite from Labor Shortages

Reflect on the story of Boaz, who exemplified godly provision for his workers (Ruth 2:4). The farmers of Israel face a dire shortage of hands to tend their fields as conflicts call away their laborers.

Consider the plight of those like Yuval, whose workforce dwindled on his vast farm, leaving ripe fields unattended

#### For Courage Amidst Fear

As David found strength in the Lord while facing Goliath (1 Samuel 17:45), pray for the fortitude of farmers close to conflict zones, like Yossi Inbar, whose proximity to the Gaza Strip has sown fear where there was once peace

"Shalom,

My name is Nachum Galil, I'm from Moshav Mivtahim near the Gaza border. I'm calling on all of you around the world.

Here on the Gaza border we still need your help. Farmers who are not on the Gaza border need your help as well."



(Leket Volunteers help a struggling farm in southern Israel)

# For the Call of Service and Volunteering

May the Lord move hearts across nations to rise as Joseph Gitler of Leket Israel did, gathering over 10,000 volunteers to fill the void on farms across Israel, embodying the spirit of service the Lord Jesus calls us to (Hebrews 6:10)

#### **Pray against Loneliness**

In the words of one farmer, Avi Chivivian, "My house is empty, the whole kibbutz is empty. It looks like a tornado tore through the place. The government hasn't given us anything. We're alone, trying with all our might to save the food system."

## For the Israeli Government to commit for Israeli farmers.

Pray that Ministers like Avi Dichter will be successful when they proclaim,

"I want Israeli agriculture to produce more for the local market, with an emphasis on fruit and vegetables, from now on, in an orderly outline to support this goal until 2030,"

### Pray for protection for the farmers

Long time Leket Israel supporter Shalom Asis passed away in a farm accident during this conflict. Pray God will protect all those bravely working in Israel's fields.

# Pray they are able to provide for their families.

Almost all Israeli farmers have lost income due to the conflict.

For farmers along the Gazan border, they have lost 70% of their annual income!



Over 40% of Israel's farm workers have fled the fighting.

Please pray for the Leket Israel volunteers who have taken their place



Hello, my name is Malka Rosenthal, I am a farmer from Kibbutz HaGoshrim.

We are evacuees now located in Kibbutz Kalia with 110 other people.

I want to say thank you very, very much to Leket Israel!



### Leket Israel: Helping Farmers in Need

#### **20 YEARS FEEDING ISRAEL**

For over 20 years we have been Israel's trusted food bank. With God's blessing we feed over 330,000 Israelis a week. But this war has brought grave challenges as the farms which offer us a portion of their harvest to nourish Israelis have been evacuated. To meet these challenges we have changed our whole approach.

## HOW LEKET IS SUPPORTING FARMERS

- Distributing 70 million lbs of produce from farmers to feed 66,000 families
- Providing 900 farming families with \$1,385 in financial assistance each
- Emergency harvesting done by thousands of Leket Israel volunteers at 500 farms

# **Providing Volunteers**

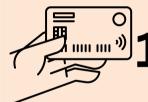


over

70,000

in 2023

# **Emergency Relief**



over

1,200,000

to 900 farming families

# Harvesting crops



over

500

farms

"A week ago, we requested assistance with harvesting persimmons near Beit Hillel. My father was almost desperate and wanted to give up on the harvest. Leket Israel sent us 170 volunteers who managed to harvest 40 tons in just 4 days. It's hard to express the excitement in words. Thank you for the support!"

Michal Cohen, daughter of a farmer from Metula

### LEKET ISRAEL NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

# PRAY WE CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE COMMANDMENT OF LEKET

The term "Leket" comes from Leviticus 19:9 which allowed the poor to glean the fields for food.

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings (leket) of your harvest."

It is the commandment Boaz followed when he allowed Ruth to use his fields. Leket Israel follows this commandment in a modern way.

### PRAY GOD CONTINUES TO BLESS OUR EFFORTS

When we began our work in 2003 it was out of the car of our founder. But for over 20 years God has blessed us to feed over 230,000 Israelis in need per week! We are trusted by the Israeli government, the Israeli Defense Forces, and over 200 non profit partners from seniors' homes, to schools, food banks and soup kitchens which care for Israel's needy.

#### PRAY FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Christian leaders like Steven Gillum, the Director of LU Serve at Liberty University, make our work possible.

"Liberty University is proud to partner with Leket Israel to sort and pack food for those in need.

Leket gives our Liberty students an opportunity to love and serve Israel. We hope it blesses the organization and encourages the Israeli people who need nourishment and hope!"

# PRAY CHRISTIANS' LOVE FOR ISRAEL WILL GROW!

We know Israel is the Apple of God's
Eye, His treasured possession. We know
Israel is intimately connected with God's
prophetic plan. We know as Christians
we have a duty to support the Jewish
people in their Land. Pray God continues
to open the hearts and minds of
Christians around the world to our
responsibility to love Israel and the
Jewish people!

# PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you." Psalm 122:6 When God instructs us to pray for His "Shalom" to descend upon Jerusalem it is not simply "peace". It is much more than that. It is wholeness, fulfillment and the love of the people for God. Pray that when this bitter conflict comes to an end, the full Peace of God comes to His people!

Please pray,

Sha'alu Shalom Yerushalayim!

All verses are NKJV







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