

To the Nation and people of Israel

On this day, we, representing Anabaptist people, humble ourselves and seek your forgiveness for our collective sin of pride and selfishness by ignoring the plight of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. A tragedy, which has included the annihilation of six million Jews by the Nazis. Even this hour finds Israel surrounded by neighboring countries on all sides, bent on her destruction.

G-d, in His sovereignty, opened our eyes to the promise of Genesis 12:3 wherein He states; "I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you." As He has graciously opened our eyes to the gravity of this promise, we have corporately become deeply convicted of the reality that our collective ignorance of Jewish suffering is in fact nothing less than a historical rejection of the Jews: as well as a curse. To our shame, we have lightly esteemed you.

For this, we ask for your forgiveness.

Further, we publicly and openly bless you and the people of Israel. We bless you as Abraham's descendants according to Genesis 12:1-3. This promise given to Abraham is about you, his descendants, for all future generations. We bless you because you have kept alive the faith in the one true G-d. We choose to honor you, as our parents in the faith, and will encourage others and future generations to do likewise.

At the core of our hearts is a passionate desire to see the fulfillment of Amos 9:11-12. "On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David which has fallen down, and repair its damages, I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord who does this thing." We bless your G-d promised borders as well - to the North, South, East and West, that you may prosper and fulfill your calling to the nations.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, according to the biblical injunction of Psalm 122:6.

In our brokenness and contrition, we shall not hold our peace day or night, until He establishes Jerusalem, and makes Her a praise on the earth. Isaiah 62:6-7.

With unending love for Zion,

The Anabaptist Nation, your Amish and Mennonite Brothers and Sisters

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