

Wall of Prayer



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From the River to the Sea – A Prayer Journey

Dear friends, During CFI's recent 40th anniversary celebration, our colleague Gert sensed a clear prompting from the Lord that we were to take back the phrase "From the River to the Sea," often used as a hate-filled slogan demanding Israel's destruction, and anchor it again in God's covenant promises to His people. Many chanting this slogan do not even know which river or which sea it refers to. Based on this prompting, we felt called to physically walk the land from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, praying, praising, and proclaiming Scripture as we went. ***"All the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring... Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land."* Genesis 13:14–17**



***"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you."* Joshua 1:3**

Holding these promises in our hearts, we walked 125 kilometres in seven stages, the longest being 32 kilometres. There is an African proverb that says, *"If you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together."* We chose to persevere together – something that we are praying for this nation as well. We began at the baptism site on the Jordan River and finished in

Jaffa at the Mediterranean Sea. It was such a privilege and joy to undertake this journey. To walk in the landscapes where Jesus walked, where the stories of the Bible and history unfolded, and to experience it first-hand was deeply moving. Seeing the land with our own eyes, meeting the people and spending long days walking, singing, praying, and fellowshiping together strengthened our unity as a team. It was truly a joy. Along the way, we walked through Jerusalem and Jericho, through wadis, hills, forests, and desert paths. we climbed up to Saint George's Monastery, passed through Judea and Samaria, and met amazing people including a shepherd named Mohammed caring for his sheep and goats and kind IDF soldiers tending their posts who let us use their bathroom. Some days required real perseverance. Through mud and fatigue, we simply put one foot in front of the other. Though our experience was not comparable to



the suffering of Holocaust survivors, it gave us a small glimpse of the endurance and resilience of the Jewish people. In those moments, gratitude, thanksgiving and the prayers of intercessors from around the world, carried us to the finishing line.



In Jericho, people greeted us warmly and even brought fruit to bless us. In East Jerusalem, it was more challenging. We were asked which political side we were on, and there were tense moments. Yet we continued walking, blessing, and praying. As we walked through the wilderness, we were so often

surprised and blessed by the many streams flowing in the desert, echoing the promise: ***"I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert."* Isaiah 43:19**



There was a dedicated team of intercessors and we felt the effect of their prayers. One day specifically we were uncertain which road to take, starting on one, but then felt the prompting to turn around, still uncertain if this is the right path, when this scripture came through from the intercessors: *"The steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord."* Psalm 37:23 It confirmed that we were indeed now on the correct route. It was a beautiful example of seeing the different members of the body functioning together in their roles.

On the final day, most of the team, including the children, joined us for the last seven kilometres. When we reached the Mediterranean Sea, some of us ran into the water with the children. There was laughter, joy, and heartfelt thanksgiving. It felt like a beautiful completion. Our weapon has been a melody, worshipping all the way from the River to the Sea.

As we walked, we were reminded that this land holds both profound beauty and deep wounds. Reconciliation and healing are needed for all who live here. We invite you to pray for Jewish, Arab and Druze communities alike, for families carrying grief and fear, and for young people growing up amid tension. May hearts be softened, understanding grow, and God's Kingdom come in all communities in Israel as it is in heaven.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that the phrase 'From the River to the Sea' will again become about God's covenantal promises to His people
- Pray for protection and peace for all communities across the land
- Pray for reconciliation and healing between peoples and generations
- Pray for spiritual renewal and streams flowing in desert places
- Pray that the Prince of Peace brings the shalom to His people that only He can bring

Thank you for standing with us so faithfully in prayer. Your support and intercession mean more than we can fully express.
With love and blessings from Jerusalem, Paula and Linel

