



Resolution

In Support of Israel

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- WHEREAS** Israel's history, including the creation and continued existence of the modern State of Israel, reveals the providential hand of God and His commitment to fulfilling His promises in His Holy Word, the Bible.
- WHEREAS** The Bible records God's promise to Abraham, the patriarch of Israel: "I will make of you a great nation.... I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3).
- WHEREAS** The modern State of Israel shares a longstanding, special relationship with the United States as nations committed to freedom and democratic governance that respects the rule of law and the rights of minorities.
- WHEREAS** Israel is faced with hostile and even existential threats from influential powers in the Middle East, including Iran, as well as other global powers.
- WHEREAS** Violent terrorists continue to target Israel and Jewish people around the world.
- WHEREAS** The United Nations and its committees have a history of unfairly targeting and condemning Israel.
- WHEREAS** The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement that seeks to isolate and economically strangle Israel is working to gain inroads into Christian communities, including evangelical Protestant institutions.
- WHEREAS** Christians are instructed to pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! 'May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!' For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, 'Peace be within you!' For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good" (Psalm 122: 6-9).
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RESOLVED** NRB calls on its members to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for God's protection over all of Israel; NRB affirms that the democratic principles embraced by Israel promise Christians and others seeking freedom in that turbulent region hope for peace and liberty; NRB calls on the United States to continue to stand steadfastly by Israel, even as others malign, abandon, or attack her; and, furthermore, NRB calls on Christian denominations, churches, organizations, and other communities to reject and guard against the dangerous Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement.

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