



Welcome Back

We on the editorial team trust that you have had an enjoyable and restful summer and are ready to take up the challenge once again of praying for our continent. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in the survey we asked you to complete. The response was amazing and we hope in the coming months to incorporate some of your ideas and suggestions.

Thank you

Dear Praying Friends in Europe,

Almost exactly 2050 years ago, the young man Jeremiah was appointed by God as his mouthpiece. From his mouth Israel hears, and we hear, the ancient and eternally valid words: "As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them. For I will restore them to the land I gave to their ancestors." (Jeremiah 16:15) To this and similar words the Jews throughout the world and throughout the ages have held and hold fast, greeting each other hopefully with, "Next year in Jerusalem!" Their faith, which they held fast, has endured 2000 years of exile and a Shoah. What a people! What a God!

Europe and Israel

In 1897, the 1st Zionist Congress took place in Basel, led by Theodor Herzl, supported by the wishes of all participants that a return of the Jews to the land of their fathers should be made possible, "perhaps in 5, certainly in 50 years" (Th. Herzl). And he was right. On 14 May 1948, David Ben Gurion proclaimed the founding of the State of Israel the day after the end of the British protectorate of the territory that had been assigned to the Jews as a "homeland" in the Balfour Declaration in 1917 and by the League of Nations (forerunner of the UN) in 1922.

Since then, many British colonies and protectorates have been released into independence, but none of them has been subject to as many UN resolutions as Israel. Aggressive hatred of Jews, through open anti-Semitism, to anti-Semitism hidden behind criticism that is scathing of Israel. Unfortunately, this kind of criticism can also be heard from parts of the World Council of Churches (WCC), which call Israel an "apartheid state" and support the BDS movement. Overall, as the Arab states have made the industrialised countries dependent on them through their oil exports over the decades they have become more important in the UN, which is reflected in the committees up to the Security Council and its resolutions. It is inconceivable how, despite knowledge of the corruption and the money used for hate education, sums of billions from the UN, but also from the EU and national government agencies, were and are paid to the PLO without controls.

But fortunately, something is also changing in Europe on the part of EU policy. On 5 October 2021, the Commission presented for the first time an "EU strategy to combat anti-Semitism and promote Jewish life in Europe". The strategy is developed in 3 points: (1) Preventing and combating all forms of anti-Semitism, paying special attention to the internet. (2) Protecting and promoting Jewish life. For 2022, the EU will provide 24 million euros to protect public spaces and places of worship, including cemeteries. (3) Holocaust education, research and remembrance. Based on a newly established research centre for contemporary anti-Semitism, one of the aims is to build up a network of young European ambassadors, who are mainly present on the internet.

In 2015, the Commission appointed a coordinator for the field of anti-Semitism (Katharina von Schnurbein). Much of the change in the EU institutions is due to her tireless efforts. Likewise, Tomas Sandell, who does excellent lobbying work from the independent work of



"European Coalition for Israel" (ECI). This is how in:

- **June 2017**, a Parliament resolution against anti-Semitism was adopted;
- **December 2018**, the Council adopted a declaration to this effect;
- **December 2020**, led by Ursula von der Leyen, the Council of Heads of Government adopted another declaration extending the fight to all policy areas.

Now it comes down to the implementation of the Commission's strategy in the member states. It is planned for the period 2021-2030. The national strategies are **all** to be submitted by the end of 2022, which the Commission will assess by the end of 2023. So far, unfortunately, Poland and Hungary refuse to participate.

Prayer:

1. Before any political action, our blessings and protection are important for this people who have to suffer hatred again and again at the world level (UN) as a people, and as individuals in our society.
2. Pray for Katharina von Schnurbein and Tomas Sandell and their political background work.
3. Let us pray that the Body of Christ learns to stand clearly with Israel, not because Israel is faultless, but for the sake of her unique King: JESUS.
4. Let us pray for Poland and Hungary.

Update-box

For weeks, everyone has been talking about Europe's largest nuclear power plant. Almost daily, the news reports that Zaporizhzhya is being shelled. It is occupied by Russians but run by Ukrainian personnel who are being held captive. Zaporizhzhya is necessary for Ukraine's electricity supply. But the real problem is the danger of an explosion of the nuclear units and a nuclear contamination of Ukraine or the whole of Europe (depending on the wind direction), a further increase of global hardships. Kyrie Eleison! Lord, have mercy on us!



Additional Prayer Points:-

Let us pray for the United Kingdom and the 14 other nations for whom Queen Elizabeth II was Head of State. The UK faces an extraordinarily difficult time with the loss of the Queen and with a new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, who faces huge domestic and foreign policy tasks. Let us pray also for the new King Charles III and the royal family as they mourn their loss and as he assumes his role of Monarch and Head of State.

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