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Dear praying friends in Europe –

I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Genesis 12:3)

This is the well-known promise that God made to Abraham and his descendants on their departure from Haran. Since God made himself tangible to the people of Israel in the history of humanity, this promise has been fulfilled in the history of the peoples and continues to do so.

Anti-Semitism is a deadly poison that has corrupted the hearts of many people in Europe. Behind the abysmal hatred of Jews is ultimately the hatred of the God of the Jews. "He who touches you touches my eyeball" (Zechariah 2:12) - but he himself becomes blind.

Let us earnestly pray that the church of Jesus and the people of Europe be freed from this blindness.



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Anti-Semitism in Europe

The roots of anti-Semitism in Europe are in Christian theology, which under Emperor Constantine made a clear break with Judaism as early as the fourth century. As soon as theology ceased to be Jewish, but was influenced by Greek, pagan thought, the stigmatization of the Jews began as so-called "divine murderers" who had forfeited their right to life. Jews were theologically expelled from the midst of human society. With the spread of the Catholic Church throughout Europe, anti-Semitism was spread simultaneously. Nearly 2,000-year-old stereotypes characterize the cultural subconscious and decide the emotional world of the people in Europe. Whoever said anti-Semitism would eventually disappear and would only emerge again now, was completely wrong!

Formerly the church was responsible for the spread of anti-Semitism, today it is the media. There, a caricature of Jews is presented daily in the form of so-called "Israeli criticism" of the Jewish state. Israel-related anti-Semitism is today the most significant manifestation of anti-Semitism. All ancient stereotypes of hatred of the Jews are projected on Israel. No matter what Israel does or does not do, it is hated. What are these ancient stereotypes?

Please also pray for

- Danger of a terrible bloodbath in Idlib and new refugee flows.
- Selection of the right candidates in the countries for the European elections (26 May 2019).

The Jews are considered the greatest threat to world peace – they are **the** enemies of humanity. Jews are considered to be all murderers, poisoners of wells, usurers and have conspired against the world.

At the present time, all these stereotypes are projected on Israel. Instead of denying the Jews the right to exist, Israel is denied the right to exist among the peoples. Meanwhile, Muslim anti-Semitism is also widespread in Europe. It is not addressed, however, but excused by the "Middle East conflict".

For more than 10 years, the anti-Israeli and strongly anti-Semitic BDS movement (**boycott, divestment and sanctions**) has been gaining more and more supporters around the world and in Europe. BDS does not recognize Israel's right to exist as a nation state for the Jewish people - the state is declared illegal.

Let us pray:

- Protect and honour all Jews living in Europe, bless Israel!
- That the Holy Spirit uncovers the deep-rooted anti-Semitism in the hearts of Europeans and leads to repentance.
- That the BDS movement is recognized as anti-Semitic and banned in all EU countries.