

Israel Prayer Calendar October 2017

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Sunday 1 October

Since 1949 the first Sunday of October in the Netherlands has been 'Israel Sunday'. On this special Sunday Christians for Israel was able to distribute tens of thousands of newspapers. Thank God for this wonderful opportunity to inspire both pastors and church members.

Monday 2 October

Iran has placed 15,000 Iranian soldiers in Lebanon. Many of them are stationed close to the border with Israel. Iran considers Lebanon a province of their country. Pray that the Lord will stand up for His people, and that the Israeli people will turn to Him for help (Numbers 6:24-26).

Tuesday 3 October

Iran cleverly uses the chaotic situation in Syria, recruiting more and more militias from Iran in addition to the already present Hezbollah warriors. Continue to pray that this dangerous military presence directed against Israel, will not be capable to do anything.

Wednesday 4 October

Iran attempts to create a strategic air-lift between Tehran and Beirut in order to threaten Israel and Jordan through the Golan Heights. Pray that this very serious threat will also come to naught. Thank the Lord, that He watches over His people!

Thursday 5 October

Yesterday evening at sundown the Feast of Tabernacles has begun. In recent decennia tens of thousands of Christians have come to Israel every year to show their love for the Jewish people in this holiday season. Thank God for safe and blessed festival days.

Friday 6 October

As the school season has come into full swing again in the Netherlands, we can pray for the activities of 'Christians for Israel' in primary schools. Pray that the education about Israel will bear fruit, and that both pupils and teachers will be touched by the lessons – in such a way that they will want to know more about it and start looking things up.

Saturday 7 October Sabbath

As Christians we should realize that our lives do not belong to ourselves, but to God the Father. Make your prayer for Israel a priority. These times of intercession are the more valuable, because the restoration of Israel is a fulfillment of God's Word.

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Sunday 8 October

In this Prayer Calendar and future editions, we will mention Biblical persons who are an inspiring example for our prayer life. The first one is Abraham. 'Then the LORD said: shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?' (Genesis 18:16-33)

Monday 9 October

More and more Jews from Belgium decide to make Aliyah to Israel. Thank God, that both in the Netherlands and Belgium Jews long to start living in Israel. Whether it is for economic motives, for family reunion or because of anti-Semitism – they are leaving the country where they live now, to go to the country where they belong!

Tuesday 10 October

Thank God for all the 'Aliyah work' that is done by Koen and Ira Carlier and their team in Ukraine. Also pray and give thanks for the thousands of food parcels they distribute to Jewish people in need, together with volunteers from many countries Also give thanks for the extraordinary cooperation with 'Ebenezer' and the Jewish Agency in Ukraine.

Wednesday 11 October

Pray for the safety of all Israelis in Jerusalem. After the upheaval regarding the Temple Mount a few months ago, unrest has continued. Attacks against Jews could happen again.

Thursday 12 October

It is extraordinary to read Ezekiel 11:16-21 and to realize, that Aliyah means more than simply the physical return to the land of Israel. It is also a return to the God of Israel, but specifically in the land of Israel. Also read Ezekiel 36.

Friday 13 October

During the Feast of Tabernacles, thousands of Christians were in Israel, to rejoice together with the Jews, who are dancing and walking around in the streets with the prayer scrolls while celebrating 'Joy of the Law'. Pray that we as Christians will also have more and more love for God's Word, and that we will express this with full enthusiasm.

**Saturday 14 October
Sabbath**

After all the attacks that the Jews have experienced in France, Belgium, and England, it is wonderful for new immigrants to be arriving in Israel. Thank God that He is bringing His people home, and shows mercy to them.

Sunday 15 October

The prayer life of Moses is also an example to us. 'When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the LORD and the fire died down' (Numbers 11:1-2). 'So Moses prayed for the people' (Numbers 21:7).

Monday 16 October

Today pray for God's peace for the population of northern Israel, for His presence amidst the enmity from Lebanon and Syria. Pray for safety for the population; the threat of terror is always prominently present.

Tuesday 17 October

Pray that the workers of 'Christians for Israel' will feel at home in the new Israel Centre soon. The new building also has a prayer room. Pray that this room will become the heart of all activities that will be developed in the Israel Centre.

Wednesday 18 October

The Palestinians are waging a cultural war against Israel, using UNESCO. Once again a part of Jewish history has been erased: according to the UN the Cave of Makhpelah (burial site of Abraham and other patriarchs) is now considered 'endangered Palestinian heritage'. Pray that Genesis 23:16-20, where Abraham becomes the official owner of the cave, will be accepted in the UN, so that the Word of God will be victorious.

Thursday 19 October

Please pray for the tour of Rev. Willem Glashouwer in three cities in the north-eastern part of Brazil. He is still in Brazil till 22 October and will teach about Why Israel? and Why Jerusalem? More and more Christians in Brazil are asking these questions, so it is wonderful to be able to provide answers.

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Friday 20 October

Please pray for the inhabitants of Judea and Samaria and for the Jewish villages and communities in this Biblical heartland. The terrorist attacks earlier this year have had a great impact on their lives.

**Saturday 21 October
Sabbath**

Pray for a peaceful and safe Sabbath in Jerusalem and the rest of the country. Thank the Lord God that He watches over His people (Isaiah 62:6-7).

Sunday 22 October

'All Your words are true; all Your righteous laws are eternal' (Psalm 119:160. Thank God for this Scripture, which links creation, the promise to Abraham, the birth of Jesus Messiah, the restoration of Israel and the new heaven and earth all to each other.

Monday 23 October

Thank God for all the 'Aliyah work' that is done by Koen and Ira Carlier and their team in Ukraine. Also pray and give thanks for the thousands of food parcels they distribute to Jewish people in need, together with volunteers from many countries. Also give thanks for the extraordinary cooperation with 'Ebenezer' and the Jewish Agency in Ukraine.

Tuesday 24 October

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, Israel is nominated for obtaining a seat in the UN Security Council, for the period of 2019-2020. The Arab-Islamic countries try everything they can to prevent this. Pray that Israel will be successful in securing this seat.

Wednesday 25 October

Israeli and German policy makers have made an appeal to the German Minister of Interior Affairs, Thomas de Maizière, to prohibit activities of Hamas in Germany. Pray that this will be realized and other countries will follow in taking these measures.

Thursday 26 October

It's remarkable to see the development of economic ties between Israel and countries in the Far East. Please pray that the religions and sects of the East will not influence Israel (Exodus 20:3).

Friday 27 October

Pray for lasting results of the speaking tour that Rev. Willem Glashouwer had last April. The church in Cambodia is growing rapidly and the Christians are open to the message about Israel.

**Saturday 28 October
Sabbath**

An encouraging word for your prayer of today is Psalm 84:8 – 'Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.'

Sunday 29 October

Hannah's prayer is an inspiration for us (1 Samuel 1:9-20) 'But Hannah answered: I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.'

Monday 30 October

The Weizmann Institute in Rehovot is sixth on the international list of two hundred scientific institutes this year. Their results have economic value but are also important for the well-being of humanity. The Jewish people want to be a light to the nations, and the Weizmann Institute contributes to that. Thank God for that.

Tuesday 31 October

Unfortunately, in some Israeli families there is abuse of women and children, just like in other countries. Pray for a healthy society, for men who love their families and experience God in their lives. (Psalm 103:13)