



Shalom,

'You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.' (Isaiah 62: 6b en 7)

There are many different reasons to pray for Israel, but a very important one is that it is something that God Himself asks of us. God wants us to pray to Him to ground Jerusalem and to make her the praise of the earth. For many nations Jerusalem is no praise of the earth at all nowadays, but rather a bone of contention. The United Nations for example, rejects the Jewish character of Jerusalem time after time. As Christians we are called to oppose that and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

It is good to know that this prayer calendar is used worldwide. Together we seek the face of the Lord.

Christians for Israel Prayer Team

February 2019

Friday 1 February

The past months have been turbulent in the south of Israel due to Hamas' rocket attacks. The attacks resulted in injuries and one person was killed. Pray for the speedy recovery of the victims and pray for the grieving family of the deceased.

Saturday 2 February Sabbath

'Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me.' (Psalm 55:1)

Sunday 3 February

Give thanks for the work of the Israeli security service Shin Bet. Recently Shin Bet dismantled a large Hamas terrorist network. The terror network had planned large-scale bombing raids on targets in Judea and Samaria (West Bank). There were plans to attack Israel on two fronts simultaneously.

Monday 4 February

Officially the present Israeli cabinet could stay firmly in control until November 2019, but due to the Gaza tensions and other matters about which the government was unable to reach agreement on, it was decided that early elections would be held on April 9, 2019. Pray that the Israeli civilians in the build-up to the elections are well informed and that Israel will receive a good government team.

Tuesday 5 February

At the moment Israel has one centre for national flood forecasting. This centre is very important because unexpected flooding regularly causes fatalities and casualties. However, the problem is that this centre will probably close because of dissension between the centre's leaders. Pray that the centre may continue to exist and that the dangers of flooding are assessed correctly.

Wednesday 6 February

Pray for the French Jews who have made aliyah in recent years. Many have difficulty integrating into Israeli society because they feel very differently about religion and politics, for instance. France is such a different country compared to Israel.

Thursday 7 February	'But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.' (2 Thessalonians 3:3) Rev Cornelis Kant will be in Tanzania from February 7-19 for speaking arrangements in different places for pastors, church leaders and students. Audio recordings will be made and a prayer meeting will take place too. Pray for a blessed journey and open hearts of the attendees for the message that God's faithfulness to Israel is everlasting.
Friday 8 February	Since the relations between the Palestinians and the United States have dampened seriously, Russia is trying to set itself up as a new negotiator for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. To this end Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was invited to visit Russia. Pray that this Russian interference will not cause further escalation and that Russia will have an eye for the Israeli security.
Saturday 9 February Sabbath	'They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid.' (Ezekiel 34:28b)
Sunday 10 February	Last year the Israeli government permitted 1,000 Ethiopian Jews to immigrate to Israel. About 8,000 Ethiopian Jews are still waiting for permission. Pray that these Jews may come home in Israel soon too.
Monday 11 February	Pray for the peace between Ukraine and Russia. Each time the tension builds up and escalation is feared. Pray for the protection of the Jewish inhabitants of the country and a blessing for the work of Koen Carlier, his team in Ukraine and the <i>Bring the Jews Home</i> project.
Tuesday 12 February	The Israeli Ministry of Tourism has announced that in 2018 a record number of 4 million of tourists visited the country. Tourists mainly come from Africa, the Far East and South America. Large groups come from the United States and from France as well. Give thanks that tourism in Israel is growing despite of anti-Israel movements like BDS.
Wednesday 13 February	'He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.' (Jesaja 11:12). More important than the coming of the tourists is the return of the Jews to their Promised Land. Every year thousands return from all sorts of countries. At the same time millions of Jews are scattered all over the world with large communities in the United States, South Africa, the United Kingdom, France and Russia. Give thanks that every year so many Jews are allowed to return and pray that the flood will not stop.
Thursday 14 February	Recently the American media organisation CNN made an inquiry into anti-Semitism in Europe. The results of that inquiry showed that one in four Europeans think that Jews have too much influence in wars and one in five that Jews have too much influence in media and politics. These are alarming figures. Pray for the protection of the Jews in Europe and pray that the alarming outcome of this inquiry may bring about more action against anti-Semitism by public authorities.
Friday 15 February	More and more Jews in the United Kingdom decide to make aliyah because of the growing anti-Semitism in the country. Even the politicians became aware of this. Pray for the safety of the Jews in the United Kingdom and for wisdom when deciding whether to stay or not.
Saturday 16 February Sabbath	'The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.' (Psalm 147:2-3). Many Jews, both inside Israel and abroad are traumatized by all the violence committed to them. Pray for the recovery of their hearts and a restored confidence in God.
Sunday 17 February	'For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.' (Deuteronomy 20:4). Give thanks that God goes with Israel all the time, battles for them and redeems them.
Monday 18 February	In the General Assembly of the United Nations the Jewish connection with Jerusalem was rejected again in a resolution. Pray that the nations' eyes may open and that they may see that God wants to live in Jerusalem, in the middle of his people.
Tuesday 19 February	In the media a totally wrong picture is painted about the situation concerning Israel. That is why a lot of people see Israel in a bad light. Pray that the information about Israel in the media is reliable and that people are not deceived.

Wednesday 20 February	'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.' (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Give thanks for the Churches that choose to launch periodic Bible studies about Israel. Pray that more Bible study groups decide to do this and that this may lead to Christians gaining more insight on Israel.
Thursday 21 February	In November 2018 new local councils and mayors were elected in Israel. Moshe Lion became the new mayor of Jerusalem. Lion will have to face many difficult choices. Pray for wisdom, tact and authority for this new mayor.
Friday 22 February	Pray that authorities in Israel will make correct decisions in agreement with <i>Tanakh</i> (Hebrew Bible). There is so much social unrest in the country, including political and religious opposition. Opinions are squarely opposite.
Saturday 23 February Sabbath	'For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways' (Psalm 91:11). Give thanks that God watches over Israel together with His angels.
Sunday 24 February	'He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.' (Openbaring 22:20).
Monday 25 February	Recently PM Netanyahu stated in a UN meeting that Hezbollah had set up rocket installations inside residential areas in Beirut. Hezbollah went on to invite foreign journalists to Beirut for a guided tour to demonstrate that this was not true. Fortunately many Arabic journalists failed to show up. They said to trust PM Netanyahu more than Hezbollah. Give thanks for this confidence in Israel and pray that the support of Islamic countries to Hezbollah may stop.
Tuesday 26 February	Pray that the Lebanese army comes into action against Hezbollah.
Wednesday 27 February	Recently an Israeli Defence Force training took place in which the IDF practiced for a simultaneous attack, by Hamas from Gaza and by Hezbollah from the north. The IDF suspects that such an attack will take place in the future. Pray for courage inside the IDF and pray that an attack on two fronts will never take place.
Thursday 28 February	Israel is a country that excels in international aid to many countries in the world. At the same time the country itself needs help too. Israel is very grateful for the financial and material support and the many volunteers as well, amongst whom the volunteers from Christians for Israel who come to help. Pray that the helpers will continue to come and that the necessary financial support will be provided.

March 2019

Friday 1 March	Israel is continually facing three fronts, namely Lebanon, Syria and the Gazastrip. These are not small threats, because on all three fronts missiles are ready to be launched at Israel. Pray that the warring parties will not move into action by launching the missiles and that the missiles cannot harm Israel.
Saturday 2 March Sabbath	'Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer— it does not rise from deceitful lips.' (Psalm 17:1)
Sunday 3 March	From March 4 till March 9 the biennial Christians for Israel (C4I) Forum will take place in Jerusalem. During this week representatives of C4I from different parts of the world will come to Jerusalem for study, prayer and preparation. Pray that the forum may be blessed and that the representatives may return home full of inspiration and enthusiasm to resume their work again.
Monday 4 March	'Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."' (Galatians 4:6), Give thanks that we may call God our Father through the atoning work of Jesus Christ.
Tuesday 5 March	In the north of Israel the Israeli army exposed and dismantled several Hezbollah tunnel networks. Give thanks that this operation could be executed and pray for the safety of the inhabitants of the north and for protection from acts of retaliation.
Wednesday 6 March	Pray for the safety in the Israeli building industry. A lot of accidents take place on building sites and stricter regulations are necessary.

Thursday 7 March	At present report has it that the Islamic Gulf states are seeking rapprochement with Israel. Israeli sportsmen and sportswomen (with Israeli flag and national anthem) are welcome at sporting events in the Gulf states and PM Netanyahu received a warm welcome during his visit to Oman. An important motive for the rapprochement is Shiite Iran as a common enemy of the Sunni Gulf states and Israel. Pray that Israel may wisely handle this rapprochement and put her trust on God and not on earthly powers.
Friday 8 March	The threat from Iran continues unabated. The Bible calls Iran Elam and Persia and it has been both an enemy and an ally of Israel. At the moment Iran it is a formidable enemy. Pray that the renewed sanctions of the United States imposed on Iran may achieve their purpose and that Iran will stop her nuclear program and withdraws her support to Hezbollah and Hamas.
Saturday 9 March Sabbath	'The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him' (Lamentations 3:25)
Sunday 10 March	Give thanks for the diminishing support for the worldwide anti-Israel movement BDS (Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions) and for the growing support for the pro-Israel movement BDS (Beauty-Diversity-Science).
Monday 11 March	At present Russia is increasing its military influence in Syria, amongst others by installing state-of-the-art anti-missile defence systems. This makes it more difficult for Israel and the United States to swing into action above Syria. Pray that these developments will not pose an additional threat for the safety of Israel and that Israel and the United States will decide wisely regarding the Syrian conflict.
Tuesday 12 March	Pray for strength and peace for the Jewish communities in your own country or region and God's mercy on them. Pray for increasing support for the Jews, also from Christians at large.
Wednesday 13 March	At the moment the Czech Republic, Brasil and Italy intend to relocate the official embassies of these three countries in Israel to Jerusalem. Give thanks that following the United States more countries have the courage to take this step and pray that more countries will follow their example and see Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital.
Thursday 14 March	Only too often Muslims from the Middle East who come to faith in Jesus continue to have a lot of problems with Israel. The anti-Israel sentiment runs very deep. Pray that ex-Muslims may be set free from the spirit of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism.
Friday 15 March	The PLO has decided to suspend the recognition of the State of Israel. The PLO only wants to revoke this decision if Israel decides to immediately recognize the Palestinian State with the pre-1967 borders (Green Line) and with East Jerusalem as its capital. Pray that the PLO will reconsider their decision and that blockades for peace negotiations will be lifted.
Saturday 16 March Sabbath	'For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.' (2 Timothy 1:7). Pray that Christians have the courage to stand up for Israel and emanate their love towards Israel.
Sunday 17 March	The United Nations continues to adopt resolutions against Israel whereas the actual wrongdoers like Hamas keep out of range. Western countries often vote in favour of these resolutions or abstain from voting which results in adopting the resolutions after all. Pray that the tide in the United Nations may turn and that the actual culprits will be reprimanded.
Monday 18 March	From March 18 till March 24 Rev Willem Glashouwer will be in Scotland to speak in several different Churches and at a large conference in Dundee. Pray for inspiration and strength for Rev Willem Glashouwer to convey the message and pray that the message about Israel may spread across Scotland.
Tuesday 19 March	Currently Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East where the Christian community is growing. At the moment Christians account for 2.1 per cent of the Israeli population. Christians are generally well educated and hold high positions in among others the Israeli economy and politics. Give thanks that Christians in Israel can live freely and do not have to fear persecution. Pray for the protection of Christians in countries in the Middle East that actually do persecute Christians.

Wednesday 20 March	'In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8). Give thanks that God is a safe stronghold for Israel and for us and that we can go to sleep peacefully because God is watching over us.
Thursday 21 March	Many Christians have a biased view of the situation concerning Israel because of the news media. Pray that people may start looking for the truth and counteract lies.
Friday 22 March	Naim and Elvira Khoury, who are supported by Christians for Israel, are a husband and wife pastoral team in a Christian congregation in Bethlehem. Pray for God's presence and protection in their lives.
Saturday 23 March Sabbath	'For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.' (Habakkuk 2:14)
Sunday 24 March	It is important as Christians to pray for: 1) the Jewish people; 2) the State of Israel; 3) the peace of Jerusalem. Find information, tune into the Holy Spirit and ask the Lord God what to pray for and how.
Monday 25 March	Give thanks that at the moment there are many groups and organisations worldwide that organize and stimulate prayer for Israel. Many of these groups that started in a small way in the last century were able to reach an enormous amount of people in the course of time.
Tuesday 26 March	Pray for wisdom for theologians and work groups inside Churches who think about the effect of alternatives for replacement theology. Pray that they gain insight in God's everlasting love for Israel.
Wednesday 27 March	Pray for a spirit of humility in the Churches, so that Christians learn to bless Israel. In this time of severe spiritual and ecclesiastical crisis, this is badly needed. (Romans 11:11-24). This may be even more necessary for the Church than for Israel.
Thursday 28 March	Pray for the speakers of Christians for Israel worldwide. Pray for them to receive inspiration and strenght time and again, to spread the message of God's everlasting faithfulness to Israel.
Friday 29 March	Pray for Christians for Israel International. Pray for acceptance worldwide for their message and that in many places new branches may come into being.
Saturday 30 March Sabbath	Thank God for this wonderful promise to Israel: 'You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.' (Jesaja 62:3).
Sunday 31 March	Give thanks for all the wonderful work the volunteers of Christians for Israel do.