

# Israel Prayer Calendar

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*Shalom,*

*Israel is entering a very crucial time. The new government will be elected on April 9<sup>th</sup> and they will be facing a number of major challenges. A right response to the constant threat at the borders is an important issue. There are also difficult issues within Israel, with regards to tackling poverty for example, road safety and safeguarding the Jewish identity of the state. Taking all those things into account, it's extremely important for the right government to be elected.*

*Israel is also entering a significant time spiritually. Passover will be celebrated in April. This year it coincides exactly with our Easter. There are also a number of important feasts and memorials in April and May, the commemoration of the Holocaust for example. And so we pray for the Jewish people to feel guided, protected, comforted and strengthened by God during these feasts and memorials.*

*'For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.'  
(Psalm 32:7)*

## **Christians for Israel Prayer Team**

### **April 2019**

#### **Monday 1 April**

The elections of a new Israeli parliament will take place on April 9<sup>th</sup>. These elections are crucial because Israel is facing great challenges brought on by all the international developments and threats. Pray for a good campaign in which the Israeli people will be well informed.

#### **Tuesday 2 April**

The Israel Security Agency Shin Bet recently revealed that there were suspicions of Russian interference in the Israeli elections. Pray that foreign powers will not interfere in the Israeli elections and that Shin Bet will intercept any attempt to do so.

#### **Wednesday 3 April**

Creating fake news is a persistent problem that often arises during elections. The Israeli populations is also exposed to this. All kinds of rumors are spread to falsely discredit politicians. Both Netanyahu's son and former Defense Minister Lieberman have been victims of this. Pray that not the lies, but the truth will reign and that the people will not be influenced by false reports.

#### **Thursday 4 April**

United States President Donald Trump wants to present a peace plan between Israel and the Palestinians after the Israeli elections. The plan is likely to include two states and Israel making the largest concession. So far, peace plans have always been rejected by the Palestinians. Pray that Israeli safety will be prioritized in this plan and most of all that God's will be done.

<b>Friday 5 April</b>	According to the National Insurance Institute of Israel, around 21,2% of the Israeli population live below the poverty line. The elderly, new immigrants and Arab families in particular are struggling. Fortunately, there are many organizations that provide help for example by distributing clothing and food. Give thanks for all the help that is offered and pray that fewer people will have to live below the poverty line.
<b>Saturday 6 April Sabbath</b>	At the moment there are several charges against current Prime Minister Netanyahu regarding possible corruption. Pray that the truth about this will be revealed.
<b>Sunday 7 April</b>	'I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.' (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
<b>Monday 8 April</b>	Israel is a democratic country and in the Israeli parliament there are people with all kinds of backgrounds: Jewish, Arab, Druze, Islamic, Christian, etc. Give thanks for this being possible and for allowing many different groups to be heard.
<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	Today is election day in Israel. Give thanks that the final authority is not with earthly rulers but with King Jesus. 'Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.' (Math. 28:18)
<b>Wednesday 10 April</b>	Pray for theology courses and seminaries. Pray that students will receive clear, Biblical teaching about Israel.
<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	Volunteers for the World Council of Churches have recently used anti-Semitic expressions. Pray that the World Council will act in support of Israel.
<b>Friday 12 April</b>	Anti-Semitism has many faces. Sometimes hatred of Jews presents itself openly and crudely, at other times quietly and subtly. Pray for this power to be broken and for trust in God for the Jewish people. "When I am afraid I put my trust in You."(Psalm 56:3)
<b>Saturday 13 April Sabbath</b>	Pray for pastors, church councils, elders and church leaders. That they may see and understand that Biblical prophecies are being fulfilled in Israel and that they would show solidarity with Israel.
<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	'For everything comes from Him and exists by his power and is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen.' (Rom. 11:36). We often hear that in churches there's hardly given any attention to Israel. This occurs in every denomination. Pray for a powerful work of the Spirit of God in this area, that there will be a new focus on Israel and God's way with Israel.
<b>Monday 15 April Yom HaAliyah</b>	Yom HaAliyah is an Israeli national holiday celebrating the return of the Jewish People to the land of Israel. Not all Jews live in the land of Israel right now, not even close. But the return continues! For example, thousands of Ethiopian Jews are planning to move to Israel. Pray that more and more Jews may return to Israel.
<b>Tuesday 16 April</b>	It is going well with the Israeli economy. Give thanks for this. It is going well despite the fact that they are having to make large expenditures in the field of national security and the shelter of immigrants.
<b>Wednesday 17 April</b>	'But the mountains of Israel will produce heavy crops of fruit for my people—for they will be coming home again soon! See, I care about you, and I will pay attention to you. Your ground will be plowed and your crops planted. I will greatly increase the population of Israel, and the ruined cities will be rebuilt and filled with people.' (Ezekiel 36:8-10). Give thanks to God for being able to see this happening in Israel right now.
<b>Thursday 18 April</b>	Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.' (Isaiah 51:11). More Jews immigrated to Israel in 2018 than in the year before. 29,600 Jews moved to Israel in total. A third of these people were Russian. Thank God for bringing His people home to the land promised to them.
<b>Friday 19 April Good Friday Passover</b>	'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help?' (Psalm 22:1). These words are well known to both Jews and Christians. Jews relate this to the suffering of their own people, and Christians relate this to the suffering of Christ. Give thanks for the work of Christ, who brought redemption for His own people and for the Gentiles.
<b>Saturday 20 April Sabbath</b>	Read Psalm 105. Give thanks to the Lord for bringing Israel out of Egypt and making them a blessing to the world.

<b>Sunday 21 April</b>	Today, on the second day of Passover (Pesach), we celebrate that Jesus has risen. Pray that He will return, that the graves will open up and all of Israel will be saved.
<b>Monday 22 April</b>	Pray for the Messianic Jews. They are a minority within the Jewish people which causes tension. Pray that they may remain steadfast and be strengthened by God. Pray that they may be a testimony to the rest of their people.
<b>Tuesday 23 April</b>	'This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: "I will destroy the archers of Elam— the best of their forces.' (Jeremiah 49:35). The God of Israel is a God of deliverance! The promise in Jeremiah was given by God to the people of Israel about 2600 years ago. Elam was the precursor of Iran. Even now we can trust that God takes care of Israel and will destroy the power of Iran. Pray that this will happen soon.
<b>Wednesday 24 April</b>	Israel tries to help other countries in many ways where it's needed, for example in the area of international disaster relief. Recently, Israel was the only country to send rescue aid to the Brazil Dam disaster. Pray that the world will see that Israel chooses life and wants to fight death and terror.
<b>Thursday 25 April</b>	Just like the Jews still do today, Jesus celebrated Passover about 2000 years ago. Jesus was Jewish and kept the Torah completely. Unfortunately, a lot of Christians tend to forget this. Pray that Christians would realize that Jesus really was Jewish and that that would lead to more love for Israel.
<b>Friday 26 April</b>	During Passover, the exodus from Egypt is remembered. Passover is also a harvest festival originally. When the Temple was still there, Jews would go up to Jerusalem to bring sacrifices. After the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem was taken by foreign rulers, this was no longer possible. Give thanks that Jerusalem is back in the hands of the Israelis since 1967 and that Jews can pray at the Western Wall again.
<b>Saturday 27 April Sabbath End of Passover</b>	Today is the last day of Passover for the Jews. Pray that they may look back on a beautiful and blessed week and that tomorrow they can start a new work week feeling refreshed.
<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	'For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant. "How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears." (2 Samuel. 7:21-22) Give thanks to God for acting according to His Word even in our time and for keeping His promises.
<b>Monday 29 April</b>	Pray for the safety of villages in the Heartland of Israel (Judea and Samaria Region). Some villages, such as Tekoa and Rechalim, are being surrounded by Arab buildings and homes more and more, which increases the risk of infiltration. Pray it won't come to this and that the existence of these villages will not be jeopardized.
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	Almost daily, there are Palestinians in Israel who attack with knives. The attackers are often driven by political ideologies. Another thing that happens is what they call 'suicide by police'. This is when someone attacks with the goal of being killed by the police. Pray that the attacks will stop, whatever the reason is for the attack, and that the Palestinians would seek peace with the Jewish people.

## May 2019

<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>	Having received a word from the Lord, Jeremiah bought a field in Anathoth and sealed the deed of purchase. After this he prayed to the Lord. (Jeremiah 32:16) Our prayer for Israel can follow this pattern: listening and acting in obedience, staying alert and interceding.
<b>Thursday 2 May Yom HaShoah</b>	'Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.' (Psalm 55:17) Today is Yom HaShoah. For the Jewish people, this is the day of commemorating the Holocaust.
<b>Friday 3 May</b>	Pray for safety on the Israeli roads. There are constant incidents of young people throwing stones at cars. Pray that this would stop.
<b>Saturday 4 May Sabbath</b>	Pray for the soldiers of the Israeli army, who often suffer trauma and unprocessed experiences after service.

<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	'Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.' (Psalm 31:3-4). Thank God that nothing is hidden from Him and that He knows all the plans of Israel's enemies. Pray that God will save Israel when the enemies rise up.
<b>Monday 6 May</b>	In addition to threats from a number of neighboring countries, Israel must also constantly be on the lookout for cyber-attacks that can threaten the country's security and economy in different ways. Fortunately, Israel is aware of this and a great deal is being done to stay ahead of the enemy.
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b>	Archaeological excavations in Israel regularly reveal important information about the history of Israel. These include excavations of coins, pottery, writings and mosaic floors. Recently, excavations have started at Qumran. Pray for the right items to be found at the right time to show that the Jewish people have always been closely connected with the land of Israel through the ages.
<b>Wednesday 8 May Yom Hazikaron</b>	Today is Israel's memorial day, Yom Hazikaron. On this day, the fallen soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism are being remembered. Pray this day would not only be a day of mourning, but also a day of being comforted by God.
<b>Thursday 9 May Yom Ha'atzmaut</b>	Today, on the fifth day of the Jewish month of Iyar, Yom Ha'atzmaut is celebrated. This is the birthday of the State of Israel. On this day in 1948, David Ben-Gurion publically read Israel's Declaration of Independence in Tel Aviv. Give thanks to God for His great faithfulness to the people of Israel and the miracle of the establishment of the State.
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	Every Friday afternoon in the south of Israel near the border with Gaza, the "March of Return" is held at the border fence. Thousands of Palestinians set fire at the fence and throw explosives and stones at the Israeli army. Many are injured. Pray that the march will no longer be held and that people in Gaza would see that Israel is not their enemy, but Hamas is.
<b>Saturday 11 May Sabbath</b>	'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' (John 16:33). Pray for Christians in Gaza. That God would use them for His glory, and that they would choose to support Israel even though this is very unsafe. Pray that God will protect them.
<b>Sunday 12 May</b>	'Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because He is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.' (Joel 2:23) A lot of rain has fallen in Israel lately. The 'dry season' has ended and the water in the Sea of Galilee is rising. This increase is expected to continue because more rain and snow is approaching. Give thanks for this blessing.
<b>Monday 13 May</b>	The Israeli company SodaStream is planning to open a factory in Gaza. SodaStream is known for having employees of different ethnicities work together to be a model for peace in Israel. Pray that SodaStream will succeed in building a factory in Gaza and that it would promote peace. Pray also that Hamas would not stop this plan.
<b>Tuesday 14 May</b>	The Chief of General Staff of the Israeli Defense Forces, Gadi Eisenkot, has recently been replaced. Pray for wisdom and blessing for his successor, Aviv Kochavi, who will stay in office for the next three to four years.
<b>Wednesday 15 May</b>	The situation in Gaza remains dangerous for Israel. The Palestinian Authority is taking action against Hamas, and Hamas is threatening to respond to this by attacking Israel with rockets. Pray they will hold off on these attacks, but that the Israeli army will have a good strategy if the attacks do end up happening.
<b>Thursday 16 May</b>	Israel has started the construction of a new Gaza barrier (65 kilometers in length) of galvanized steel with barbed wire and sensors. Pray this barrier will be finished soon and will aid the safety of Israel.
<b>Friday 17 May</b>	President Trump has indicated he will retrieve all US troops from Syria. The first step, retrieving part of the military material from Syria, has already been taken. This development is of great concern to Israel. If the United States withdraws from Syria, Iran has more opportunities to interfere in the Syrian conflict and to threaten Israel even more. Pray that the United States will stay committed to Israel's safety and will make the right decisions.

<b>Saturday 18 May Sabbath</b>	The head of Iran's nuclear program has indicated that Iran has started preparing Uranium enrichment. Although Iran does not have enough resources to produce a nuclear weapon, this development is concerning. Pray that the international community will put a stop to Iran, and that Iran will not succeed in launching its nuclear programs.
<b>Sunday 19 May</b>	'But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect (...)' (1 Peter 3:15).
<b>Monday 20 May</b>	On May 20-24, Rev. Willem Glashouwer will be recording teaching material in Romania in the Alfa Omega TV studios. This TV station reaches many homes in Romania, but also in other countries in Easter Europe. Rev. Glashouwer's book "The Signs of the Times" will be translated into Romanian and will be presented. Give thanks to God for all these opportunities to spread the message of God's faithfulness to Israel.
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	Contact continues to improve between Sunni countries, such as Saudi Arabia and Oman, and Israel. This is also greatly criticized, especially by those same Islamic countries. Pray that the improved contact would lead to more peace in the Middle East. Also pray that people would continue to expect the ultimate peace from God.
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	Europe is currently nowhere near to being free from anti-Semitism. This has become clear in different ways, including the yellow vests protest movement. Anti-Semitic slogans were used and anti-Semitic banners were carried by the activists of this movement. Pray that leaders of the protest movements openly distance themselves from anti-Semitism, and that action is taken against this.
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	The rise of anti-Semitism is clear and happens (also) at high levels, for example at the World Council of Churches, the United Nations and Amnesty International. As Christians, we need to stand in the gap for the Jewish People through prayer and not be afraid to raise our voice. Pray that the opposition to anti-Semitism will be clear and will make a difference.
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	Today please pray for the Aliyah field workers of Christians for Israel in Ukraine. They often have to do their work in exhausting and dangerous circumstances. Pray also for the groups of volunteers that distribute food parcels.
<b>Saturday 25 May Sabbath</b>	One of our regional teachers in Asia, Mrs. Siew Fong Chan, recently wrote the book "70 Questions About Israel". It gives a great amount of information about Israel in a very accessible way. Pray that many doors would be opened for this book, and that there will be translators in various countries who will want to translate this book.
<b>Sunday 26 May</b>	'Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.' (Psalm 19:13).
<b>Monday 27 May</b>	In Vietnam, the study guide of "Why Israel?" is being translated and there is an active prayer network for Israel. Less than 1% of the population is Christian in this country with 94 million people. Yet the Christians for Israel team in this country has a desire to spread the message of God's plans for Israel. Pray for blessings on all they are planning to do and pray that the number of Christians in this country would grow.
<b>Tuesday 28 May</b>	Pray for the developments of Christians for Israel in Asia. There are teams working in various countries. Pray for sufficient finances and the right people to start an Israel Newspaper for Asia.
<b>Wednesday 29 May</b>	The Christians for Israel team in Brazil maintains contact with people in Peru, Colombia and Argentina. Pray that these contacts would lead to further development of our work in South America.
<b>Thursday 30 May</b>	'Then they gathered around Him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:6-8) Give thanks to God for going to restore the Kingdom through Israel, and that through sending out the disciples we too have been reached with the gospel.
<b>Friday 31 May</b>	For many years we have been praying <i>for</i> safety and protection and <i>against</i> terror and enmity. Though sometimes this seems to have little effect, we still continue to trust in our Heavenly Father. It is His Word, His land, His people, He watches over them!