



Shalom,

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

God wants to give us good gifts. He wants us to find Him and He wants to open to us, but He asks us to ask [pray], to seek and to knock. Let these verses from Matthew 7 be the inspiration to continuously ask, knock and seek; coming before God's throne in constant prayer.

Continue to include Israel in your prayers in the coming two months. October is a special month for the Jewish people, with holidays including Rosh Hashanah and the Feast of Tabernacles. Let us pray that the Jewish people will be able to joyfully celebrate the holidays in peace both in and outside of Israel.

Christians for Israel Prayer Team

October 2019

Tuesday 1 October **Rosh Hashanah**

Today is the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year. For Jews this is the beginning of the year 5780. Pray that Jews may have a blessed year in which they will experience God's presence and protection.

Wednesday 2 October

Israel has started the construction of the fourth water pipeline to Gaza. This pipeline will bring additional drinking water into the territory. It remains to be seen whether Gaza's water and sewage pipes, which are poorly maintained by Hamas, will be able to handle the increased water volume. Pray that the construction of the water pipeline will go well and that it will help the people of Gaza.

Thursday 3 October	Pray that the southern cities of Israel, such as Sderot and Ashkelon, will be protected from any further attacks from the Gaza Strip. Pray that God's angelic army will surround these cities to guard over them.
Friday 4 October	Pray for peace at the border fence with Gaza. Palestinian terrorists make weekly attempts to infiltrate Israel via the fence and carry out attacks. Pray that the intruders will be discovered and that there will not be any conflict at the border fence.
Saturday 5 October Sabbath	Pray for Lone Soldiers in the Israeli army. Lone Soldiers are soldiers who want to serve in the army but whose families have not yet made Aliyah. They are at risk of falling between the cracks when they are off duty. Pray for good places to stay and support for these soldiers.
Sunday 6 October	"When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion." (Psalm 114:1-2) Pray that churches will take the time to focus on the solidarity between Christians and the Jewish people and on the wonderful promises God has for the Jewish people.
Monday 7 October	Pray that those who hate Israel the most – such as the Palestinian president Abbas, the terrorist leaders of Hamas in the south and the leaders of Hezbollah in the north – will come to faith in the Lord Jesus and take a radically different attitude towards Israel.
Tuesday 8 October	Pray for the many tourists who visited the land of Israel over the summer. Pray that their visit will make them realize what God is doing in Israel right now, that He takes care of Israel and is bringing His people home. Pray that they will also pass this insight on to those around them.
Wednesday 9 October Yom Kippur	Today is the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the year in Judaism. It is a day of reflection and repentance with fasting and prayer. It is also a day of forgiveness. Pray that this day will go by peacefully and that it will be a blessed day for the Jews.
Thursday 10 October	A poll among European Jews has shown that approximately 40% of 16-34 year-olds are considering immigrating to Israel. The most important reason is that they no longer feel safe in Europe. Pray that these young people will have the opportunity to move. Also pray for their protection now while they still live in Europe.
Friday 11 October	Antisemitism is alive and well in Austria. The Austrian branch of Christians for Israel is actively committed to warning people about the dangers of antisemitism. They do this by organizing symposiums and distributing the newspaper among other means. Pray for a blessing over the work of the Austrian branch.
Saturday 12 October Sabbath	Pray that current conspiracy theories about Jews and anti-Semitic stereotypes will be exposed and disappear.
Sunday 13 October Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)	This evening the Feast of Tabernacles begins for the Jews. Pray for blessing and safety for them during the feast days.

Monday 14 October	"And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, '...And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.'" (Leviticus 23:33, 40) The Feast of Tabernacles is a joyful celebration. Pray that the Jewish people will experience great joy in the coming week.
Thursday 15 October	The most important stipulation of the Feast of Tabernacles is to live in a sukkah throughout the holiday week. This sukkah has a roof of leaves through which you can see the stars. Living in a sukkah points to the vulnerability of life and dependence on God. Give thanks that God has cared for the Jewish people throughout the centuries and that He is now bringing them home to the land of Israel.
Wednesday 16 October	In John chapter 7 we read that during the Feast of Tabernacles Jesus said that rivers of living water will flow from the hearts of those who believe in Him. Pray that this will be fulfilled completely.
Thursday 17 October	During the Feast of Tabernacles portions of the book of Ecclesiastes are read. Ecclesiastes is about the emptiness and futility of a life without God. Pray that as the world looks at the Jewish people they will see that having a relationship with the Creator gives life purpose and joy.
Friday 18 October	The Feast of Tabernacles is a feast of pilgrimage. When the temple still stood Jews came from all over the country to celebrate at the temple in Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Saturday 19 October Sabbath	The Feast of Tabernacles is also a harvest feast, celebrating the last harvest before the winter. God has blessed Israel with large amounts of rain this year, especially in the spring. In some places the desert came to life. Thank God for blessing the land.
Sunday 20 October	"Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths." (Zachariah 14:16) This prophesy from the book of Zachariah tells of a time when the nations will go to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. Pray that this time will come soon.
Monday 21 October	Pray for a blessing on the work of Givat Haviva, a school that works towards peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs in Israel. Both Israeli and Palestinian students attend the school. Over the period of two years they will learn to enter into dialog together and to build bridges.
Thursday 22 October Simchat Torah	Today is Simchat Torah, a joyful Jewish holiday centered on thankfulness for the law. Give thanks that God chose the Jewish people, to give them His law and make them a light to the world.
Wednesday 23 October	The American House of Representatives recently accepted a resolution rejecting the BDS (Boycott, Disinvestment and Sanctions) movement with an overwhelming majority. Give thanks that for this step against BDS and pray that more countries will reject BDS.
Thursday 24 October	Pray that your own country will not join the anti-Israel politics in UN votes but stand up to support Israel.

Friday 25 October	Pray for the Jews living in Judea and Samaria: The danger and acts of terror are constant. Pray for comfort for those who have been wounded. Pray for the families and friends of those who have been murdered. Give thanks that many trust in the Lord and are an inspiration to others.
Saturday 26 October Sabbath	Israeli scientists researching treatment options for various forms of cancer and diseases such as Alzheimer's and migraines have recently made several hopeful discoveries. Pray for a blessing over these researchers' work and that they may be a blessing to the world through the results of their work.
Sunday 27 October	"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." (Romans 15:4) Over 100 preachers from Russia will be traveling in Israel from 17 October to 1 November. Rev. Willem Glashouwer will provide biblical teaching during the trip. Pray for the period that these preachers will be in Israel, that they will be inspired and share this inspiration in their churches when they return home.
Monday 28 October	The Jordanian king, Abdullah II, is increasingly hostile towards Israel and is contributing to anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish policies in his country. For example, tourists are now forbidden to bring Jewish symbols into Jordan. Pray for positive change in the relationship between Jordan and Israel and that King Abdullah will change his anti-Israel perspective.
Thursday 29 October	Give thanks for all of the good contacts that Israel has with various countries, including the United States, Australia and Brazil. Give thanks for contacts that are improving too, such as the relationships with Asian countries like Japan, India, China and South Korea.
Wednesday 30 October	Israel is not only visited by people who love the country but also by people who strongly criticize Israel. Those in the second group hope to find new input for their criticism. Pray that during their visits to Israel these people will experience situations or meetings that motivate them to support Israel.
Thursday 31 October	Pray for Jews who want to make Aliyah from countries that do not recognize Israel and have hostile relations with Israel. It is extremely dangerous to make Aliyah from these countries. Pray that these Jews will receive sufficient help and opportunities to make Aliyah anyway and that God will protect them from the dangers.

November 2019

Friday 1 November	"Pray for a blessing over the work of organizations that help Jews to make Aliyah. These organizations include the Jewish Agency and Ebenezer Operation Exodus as well as our own C4I team in Ukraine.
Saturday 2 November Sabbath	Many descendants of Jews from Spain and Portugal live in South America. Their ancestors were driven into exile in 1492 when they refused to convert to Christianity [and later settled in the new world]. Some of these descendants are familiar with their Jewish roots, want to learn more and return to Judaism. Others have little to no interest in their religious heritage. Pray that these Jews will also return to faith in God.

Sunday 3 November	"The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Jeremiah, what do you see?' And I said, 'I see an almond branch.' Then the LORD said to me, 'You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.'" (Jeremiah 1:11-12) Give thanks that God is faithful. God's faithfulness to His people is like the almond tree which is the first to bloom in early spring.
Monday 4 November	Pray for the Abayudaya, a small Jewish community in the heart of Uganda. It has been recognized by the Jewish Agency as an official Jewish community. Pray that things will go well for them and that they will also be able to go to Israel if they want to.
Tuesday 5 November Yom Ha-Aliyah	Yom Ha-Aliyah is an Israeli holiday celebrating aliyah as one of the core values of the state of Israel. Give thanks for the continuing aliyah from many different countries. Recently groups from the United States, France and Ukraine have come to Israel.
Wednesday 6 November	In recent years the Israeli army has made hundreds of airstrikes in Syria against targets that have been linked to Iran. Pray that Israel's strikes are effective and that Iran's influence in Syria will be reduced.
Thursday 7 November	There are some 150,000 rockets and projectiles in Lebanon that are aimed at Israel. Pray that these rockets will break due to rust or that there will be faults in the guidance systems making them unusable. Pray that they will not be able to cause any harm to Israel.
Friday 8 November	Haifa, an important harbor and industrial city, is struggling with air pollution. At the same time China is trying to increase its influence in this important harbor and to gain the upper hand. This could cause security issues for Israel, because American marine ships also regularly load and unload in the harbor, raising fears of Chinese espionage. Pray that these problems will be solved.
Saturday 9 November Sabbath	Tourism has increased in Israel by 10% this year compared to last year. Give thanks for this improvement!
Sunday 10 November	"The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel." (Psalm 147:2) Psalm 147 is about the restoration of the people of Israel (verses 1-3), the restoration of the land of Israel (verses 12-14) and finally the spiritual restoration of Israel (verses 19-20). Give thanks for God's faithfulness to His people and pray for the complete restoration of Israel.
Monday 11 November	The leader of Hezbollah has recently indicated that if the United States attacks Iran, Hezbollah will attack Israel. Pray that the situation between Iran and its enemies will not escalate and that Hezbollah will not be able to harm Israel.
Tuesday 12 November	Many archeological finds have been made through the Temple Mount Sifting Project in Jerusalem. In this project dirt that Arabs dug out of the Temple Mount and dumped in the Kidron Valley is sifted to discover artifacts that can tell us more about the Jewish history of the Temple Mount. Over the past [15] years many artifacts have been found that demonstrate the Jewish connection to the Temple Mount. Give thanks for this and pray that more finds will be made.

Wednesday 13 November	Give thanks that the number of tourists coming to Israel from Islamic countries is rising each year. This is in spite of the policy of many Islamic nations to boycott Israel.
Thursday 14 November	Swiss scientists recently proposed a striking solution to climate change; plant one trillion trees. All together these trees would be able to absorb a large amount of CO2 from the air. In Israel the Jewish National Fund has been planting trees since it was founded in 1902, in part to combat desertization. Israel is the only country in the world where the desert is becoming smaller due to the planting of trees. Give thanks that the desert of Israel is blooming and pray that Israel may be an example to other countries.
Friday 15 November	Pray for protection for the Jewish Holocaust survivors in Ukraine who are regularly visited by members of the Christians for Israel team and receive food parcels. This sometimes makes the neighbors jealous. People with bad intentions break into their homes because they think there may be something worth stealing. Assaults also take place.
Saturday 16 November Sabbath	The Israeli government has decided that approximately 6,000 homes will be built for Jews in Judea and Samaria. An additional 700 new homes will be built for Palestinians in the region. Pray that Jews and Palestinians in Judea and Samaria will be able to live together in peace and that the construction of these houses will contribute to peace.
Sunday 17 November	"And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them?" (Luke 18:7) Give thanks that God hears our prayers.
Monday 18 November	Approximately 25% of the Israeli population lives under the poverty line. This includes 1 million children. Pray that poverty in Israel will decrease and that the government will make wise decisions to reduce poverty.
Tuesday 19 November	Palestinian Authority president Mahmoud Abbas has said that the Palestinian Authority will no longer act on the agreements it has made with Israel. This includes agreements about maintaining safety. Pray that Abbas will change his mind, and that the Israeli government will respond to this decision with wisdom.
Wednesday 20 November	"Jewish history is at the center of world history. Whatever the world tries to do to us it does to itself."(Elie Wiesel) To pray for Israel is to pray for the world. God wants to bless the world through His people.
Thursday 21 November	Christians for Israel International is holding a training conference in Hiroshima, Japan from 21 to 23 November. This is the first time that the doors of Japan have been opened to C4I. Pray for open hearts and eagerness to learn.
Friday 22 November	Many Palestinian children are being raised to hate Israel. At school they often learn that the land of Israel needs to be freed from the Jews by force. Pray that this indoctrination of Palestinian children will end.
Saturday 23 November Sabbath	Pray for Ethiopian Jews in Israel. The Ethiopian community struggles with integration. Pray that the situation will improve for Ethiopian Jews and that they will be better able to find their place in Israeli society.

Sunday 24 November	"And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-12) Pray that the leaders of churches will give Israel the place it deserves.
Monday 25 November	Pray that more and more Christians will grow to love Israel. Pray that they will support Israel with their prayers, words and actions.
Tuesday 26 November	Please pray for the bi-monthly newspaper 'Israel and Christians Today' and the websites of Christians for Israel. Pray that news about Israel will be clearly explained in the context of the Bible and vice versa, that the Bible will be explained in the context of current events.
Wednesday 27 November	Pray that Israel will have a clear and permanent place in the preaching during church services.
Thursday 28 November	Pray that Christians will be conscious of the Jewish roots of Christianity and that it will inspire them to love the Jewish people.
Friday 29 November	Many people learn to love Israel at a young age. Pray that many children and young adults will be reached with the message that God's faithfulness to Israel is eternal and that there are wonderful prophecies for Israel's future in the Bible.
Saturday 30 November Sabbath	Pray for all of the events and activities that will be organized by the various branches of Christians for Israel in the coming weeks and months. Pray that many people will attend and that the speakers will receive inspiration for their talks.