



"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

This quote comes from Corrie ten Boom. The fact that Corrie said this after she had experienced the horrors of concentration camps is extraordinary. Despite everything, her confidence in God was not shaken. Let us pray for a confidence in God like Corrie had. Our future might be even more unknown due to the coronavirus crisis, but our God is not unknown. And He is faithful; faithful to His people Israel and to us. Let us also pray for all those in Israel who no longer trust in God and have left the faith. That they may return to their God, and that God will spiritually restore His people.

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4.

Many blessings,

Christians for Israel Prayer Team

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Monday 1 June Whit Monday	Pray that God's Spirit will work powerfully in Israel and that after the physical restoration of the return of the Jewish people to Israel, the spiritual restoration will also take place.
Tuesday 2 June	Following the agreement between Benjamin Netanyahu and Benny Gantz to form a unity government, Israel has a government again after more than a year. The government was installed on May 17th. Two social groups are now represented in the cabinet for the first time by the female Haredian ("ultra-orthodox") Minister for Diaspora and the Ethiopian Minister for Immigration. We pray that God will give the members of the government wisdom and courage to act according to His will.
Wednesday 3 June	Pray for the government of Israel. Due to the coronavirus crisis, they are facing major challenges whilst the threat from terrorist groups continues unabated. Pray for wisdom and pray that the government will put its trust in God.
Thursday 4 June	Three Gulf states cooperate with Israel's health system in battling Corona, among them Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. The Gulf states recognize how powerful and innovative Israel's health sector is and are increasingly will to say so openly. Pray that this cooperation on the medical level will also lead to cooperation between governments.
Friday 5 June	He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore." <i>Isaiah 2:4</i> . In Israel, some factories that normally manufacture military equipment are now used to make respiratory equipment. Give thanks that this opportunity exists. Pray also that God's Kingdom of Peace will come.

Saturday 6 June	An investigation conducted just before the public holiday of Israel's independence on 29 April shows that both Israeli Arabs and orthodox Jews feel more connected with the Israeli state than in previous years. Give thanks for this and pray that all the different population groups will feel at home in Israel and will feel connected with the state.
Sunday 7 June	The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD." <i>Psalm 146:10</i> . Psalms 146, 147 and 148 are about God's power on earth and His redemption of the oppressed. All three psalms end with a promise or a statement about God's people. We can especially see God's faithfulness and power in the path that He moved along with His people. Give thanks for God's faithfulness to Israel.
Monday 8 June	"He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not know His laws. Praise the LORD." <i>Psalm 147:19-20</i> . Give thanks that the Word of God has come to us through Israel.
Tuesday 9 June	"And He has raised up for His people a horn, the praise of all His faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to His heart. Praise the LORD." <i>Psalm 148:14</i> . That the horn of Israel is raised up, means that God has given power and wealth again to Israel. Give thanks that we can see that nowadays too, as the Jewish people have their own country and government again.
Wednesday 10 June	Pray for Holocaust survivors in Israel and around the world. Many have been re-traumatized by not being allowed to leave their homes and being lonely during the corona-crisis. Pray that they might be allowed to feel the Lord's presence and that people will support them who understand their distress.
Thursday 11 June	Pray for the Israeli Ministry of Finance. The coronavirus crisis has a major impact on the Israeli economy. Pray that wise decisions will be made during this time of crisis.
Friday 12 June	The tourism industry is very important for the Israeli economy, but has suffered a serious blow due to the coronavirus crisis. Pray that this industry will recover and that people who have lost their jobs can get back to work.
Saturday 13 June	In 2 Samuel 22, David sings a song of thanksgiving because the Lord has given him the victory over all his enemies (see also Psalm 18). His song turns into a cry for help, and then David says: "Therefore I will praise You, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of Your name" (2 Samuel 22:50; see also Romans 15:9-13). As believers from the nations, in our pray for Israel, realising that there is still war, pain and threat, we may thank God that He will ultimately be the Victor in every way.
Sunday 14 June	"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." <i>Psalm 73:26</i> . Pray for Israeli's who do not believe in God. Pray that especially in this time of crisis they will find solid ground in God Who holds the world in His hand.
Monday 15 June	Pray for religious musicians and artists in Israel. Especially in this time in which many people feel lonely, songs and art can offer consolation. Pray for inspiration for the musicians and artists and that they may point to God, the source of comfort.
Tuesday 16 June	In Israel, ground-breaking discoveries and inventions are often made in the medical world and also with regard to viral diseases. Pray that Israel will be a blessing to the world now that the world has been hit by the coronavirus.
Wednesday 17 June	The media have created the image that orthodox Jews in Israel deliberately did not want to follow the coronavirus measures. However, that image is not nuanced. Many Orthodox Jews wanted to follow the measures, but as they barely use modern media and don't have televisions, they only learned of many of the measures later. The vast majority then still strictly adhered to them. Pray that this wrong image of the Orthodox community that has emerged will not lead to hatred again, that it will be corrected.
Thursday 18 June	During the coronavirus crisis, Chinese donors have donated a huge amount of medical equipment and goods to Israel. The donors were mostly people who had visited Israel as a tourist or had done business there. Give thanks for this support to Israel.
Friday 19 June	Pray for older people in Israel who are or have been extra lonely because of the coronavirus. Pray that in all of this they may experience God's comfort and closeness.
Saturday 20 June Sabbath	2 Samuel 22:7 is a precious verse, "In my distress I called to the LORD; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears." This is reminiscent of Jonah 2:1 and

	7b, reaching the Father in heaven from the earth through prayer. We may pray for Israel so that God will reach His goal, with His people and with us.
Sunday 21 June	“The most important thing one can do for another is to pray for him. Prayer wins. Any other service we do is simply reaping the results of prayer.” – Corrie ten Boom. The most important thing we can do for Israel is to pray. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Monday 22 June	The new government in Israel plans to extend Israeli sovereignty to parts of the West Bank. This is also one of the points in Trump’s peace plan. However, European countries disagree and are threatening consequences. Pray for Israel to do what is right and not to be pressured by other countries.
Tuesday 23 June	Give thanks that there are so many Jews who can live in the Biblical heartland. And pray for the protection of vulnerable Jewish villages in Judea and Samaria, such as Rechelim and Har Giló.
Wednesday 24 June	It is expected that as the economic situation in Palestinian territories will deteriorate due to the coronavirus, there will be more attacks. Pray that this will not be the case and pray that the situation in the Palestinian territories will improve through increased cooperation with Israel.
Thursday 25 June	Despite the coronavirus measures, the work of the soup kitchen Hineni in Jerusalem continues. People no longer collect their meals, but the meals are delivered to poor people. Pray that there will always be enough volunteers to prepare and deliver the hundreds of meals a day.
Friday 26 June	Our C4I team in the Ukraine was able to help families to realize their dream and make Aliyah. In May 165 Olim were taken to the airport for their departure to Israel. We thank God for His faithfulness in continuing the return of His people. We pray for strength and protection for the Christians for Israel team in Ukraine.
Saturday 27 June Sabbath	In verse 20 of Psalm 72 it says, “This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.” If we read these Psalms again in the knowledge that we may read them as prayers, they take on a new dimension. Intercede for Israel through Psalm 35, prayer for help from God. Psalm 43 and Psalm 54, prayer for redemption. Psalm 69, prayer for deliverance. Psalm 24, entry of the Lord. Psalm 48, the glory of Zion. Psalm 47, the nations will praise God.
Sunday 28 June	“When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” <i>Mark 10:14</i> . Pray for the children in Israel. Children can experience this time as very scary. Pray that children will trust God from an early age and also be witnesses to the adults. We are grateful for organizations such as the Jaffa Institute that take children and young people off the streets and give them a vision for their lives.
Monday 29 June	The Gaza Strip has a chronic water crisis. Watergen, a company owned by Georgian-Israeli Mirilashvilim sent a generator that produces drinking water out of thin air to a hospital in Gaza. The company wants to deliver hundreds of water generators to Gaza. Praise God for this development and ask that Hamas allows more generators to enter the country.
Tuesday 30 June	Garment factories in the Gaza Strip, which were financially struggling before the Corona crisis, now provide much of the protective clothing and masks that Israel uses in the hospitals to care for coronavirus victims. Give thanks for this cooperation and pray that there will be more and more cooperation.

July 2020

Wednesday 1 July	Palestinian peace activists from the Gaza Strip recently engaged in a ZOOM video call with Israeli activists. However, Hamas got wind of this and immediately arrested the Palestinians for normalisation with Israel. Hamas makes short work of initiatives for peace with Israel. Pray for peace between Israel and the Palestinians and for blessings on peace initiatives.
Thursday 2 July	God calls on us to comfort His people. “Comfort, comfort My people.” (Isaiah 40:1) These are moving words that we can put into effect together through friendships, encouragement, and daily prayer for Israel.
Friday 3 July	Pray for all those Israelis who live below the poverty line. Due to the coronavirus crisis, they often receive an additional financial blow. Pray that these Israelis, with the help of others, can meet their basic needs and those of their children.

Saturday 4 July	Pray for blessings on the analysts of the IDF (the Israeli army). Pray that they will not overlook crucial secret information about outside attacks and provide good information as to where the army needs to be extra alert.
Sunday 5 July	“But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one” (2 Thessalonians 3:3). Pray for the Arab Christians in Israel. Pray that they will be a blessing to the State of Israel. Arab Christians who openly claim to be well/disposed towards Israel are often threatened. Pray for the protection of Arab Christians.
Monday 6 July	In the winter months a lot of rain fell in Israel and the Sea of Galilee, which had been struggling for a long time with low water levels, is almost completely full again. Pray for wisdom for the administrators of the Water Authority, which regulates how the water should be distributed.
Tuesday 7 July	During the coronavirus crisis, the following headline appeared in an Israeli newspaper: ‘The virus that spreads faster than the coronavirus: the virus of antisemitism.’ When the coronavirus appeared, it was not long before the first conspiracy theories that Israel had created the virus appeared on the Internet. Pray that such horrible theories will be powerless and will not gain acceptance with people.
Wednesday 8 July	The new Labour Party leader in England, Keir Starmer, has apologised to the Jewish community in England for the party’s antisemitism and promises to eradicate it. Give thanks that Corbyn, who has made antisemitic statements on several occasions, has been replaced and pray that Starmer may be a blessing to the Jewish community in England and to Israel.
Thursday 9 July	In the light of 75 years of liberation, documentaries or films about the Holocaust are being broadcast on many platforms. Pray that the commemoration of the Holocaust will not be lost and that people will be aware of what antisemitism can lead to.
Friday 10 July	One of the founders of the BDS has said that when Israel will have developed a coronavirus vaccine, it could be used by those boycotting Israel because it saves lives. With this, he acknowledges that Israel can be a blessing to the world and that people should make use of that. At the same time, he also hopes that the boycott of Israel will destroy Israel. This is very contradictory. Pray that the work of the BDS will be powerless.
Saturday 11 July	Pray that more and more European countries will see the BDS movement, which calls for a boycott of Israel, for what it is - an antisemitic threat.
Sunday 12 July	“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.” <i>Job 42:2</i> . Give thanks that we also see this in God’s dealings with Israel and that the people are now coming home to their own land. Nothing is impossible for God!
Monday 13 July	Pray for politicians who continue to stand up for Israel, despite opposition and ridicule. Pray for politicians in the parliaments and governments, in the European Union, in the United Nations, and in other political and economic bodies.
Tuesday 14 July	The International Criminal Court in The Hague will soon issue a ruling on whether the Palestinian territories can be officially be recognised as a state and whether Israelis can be tried for war crimes committed on the territory of `Palestine`. If the territories will be recognised as a state, the Palestinians will have more options to sue Israel. Pray that the ICC will refrain from recognising Palestine as a state and pray for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.
Wednesday 15 July	In a unique statement, the United Nations expressed their appreciation for the cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian National Authority in tackling the coronavirus. Give thanks that Israel is finally being mentioned positively in statements made by the United Nations. However, this is by no means the only time Israel is working with the Palestinians for the good of the Palestinian people. Pray that the international community will have more pay more attention to this.
Thursday 16 July	Iran has been severely affected by the coronavirus. You would expect that all the attention of Iranian politics would focus on that, but nothing could be further from the truth. Iran continues to work on an atomic bomb and to threaten Israel. Pray for the protection of Israel against the threat from Iran.
Friday 17 July	A new Bible translation has been published in Denmark. What is shocking is that in this translation of the Bible, the word ‘Israel’ has been removed or replaced by the words ‘Jews’ or ‘land of the Jews’ in almost all places in the New Testament and also at certain places in the Old Testament.

	This is in order not to associate the New Testament Israel with the Israeli state. Anti-Israel sentiment can really flare up even in the church. Pray for the breaking of this sentiment towards Israel.
Saturday 18 July Sabbath	Germany has recently labelled Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation. Police officers then also raided mosques and associations that are part of Hezbollah in various German cities. For years, Germany has been an important area for Hezbollah as regards fundraising. Give thanks for this decision of the German government, something that we prayed for a few months ago.
Sunday 19 July	“Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” <i>Acts 4:11-12</i> . Pray for Muslims in the Middle East. Pray that they may come to faith in the Lord Jesus. There are wonderful testimonies of Muslims who saw Jesus in a dream and then came to faith. Pray these new believers will be protected.
Monday 20 July	Despite the coronavirus crisis, Aliyah to Israel continues in limited numbers. Newcomers must first be quarantined for two weeks, but that does not prevent many from boarding a plane to Israel. Give thanks that the return of God’s people to the land of Israel continues.
Tuesday 21 July	There are also Jews who would like to go to Israel, but cannot arrange all the necessary papers and transport because of the corona crisis. Pray that there will be opportunities for these people to still make Aliyah.
Wednesday 22 July	Pray for all those who made Aliyah not so long ago and who have yet to find their niche in Israel. Pray that they will be successful in learning the Hebrew language and find a good job.
Thursday 23 July	The Jewish Agency expects many Jews, including from the US, to emigrate to Israel after the time of the coronavirus. Pray for blessings on the preparations of the people who will make Aliyah, on the work of our fieldworkers in Ukraine, Koen and Ira Carlier and their team, and for the other Christian Aliyah organizations we cooperate with.
Friday 24 July	Please pray for your own congregation today. Pray that the Lord Jesus will be the focal point and that there will be a love for God’s Word. This is the foundation for loving and understanding Israel. Anything else that we do for God’s people stems from love for His Son and His Word.
Saturday 25 July Sabbath	Pray that pastors and parishioners will understand that the relationship with Israel is essential to the church. And that if the church lets go of this bond, it will saw through the branch on which it rests itself.
Sunday 26 July	“In my thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.” <i>Ezekiel 1:1</i> . Ezekiel lives in a sad time. The Jewish people have been taken into exile in Babel. Yet we read in the book of Ezekiel that the heaven opens four times and Ezekiel sees hopeful visions. Give thanks that God gives hope in difficult times, in the past and now still.
Monday 27 July	In recent years hundreds of artifacts have been unearthed at archeological digs that prove that Jews have been living in the Israel for centuries. <i>Psalms 102:14</i> speaks of people, stones, and dust. Verse 13 says, “You [Lord] shall arise ... the appointed time has come.” Give thanks that God is gracious to Israel and confirms this through archeological digs.
Tuesday 28 July	The restoration of Israel and the battle for it among the nations is very much connected to the coming of Jesus and His Kingdom of peace and righteousness. Let’s always keep this in mind when we pray for the future of Israel as a land and a people.
Wednesday 29 July	Pray for the work of Christians for Israel (C4I) worldwide. The pastors and speakers of C4I are now unable to travel to other countries to speak at conferences there. Fortunately, the work can continue online. Pray for blessings on the online work of C4I in the various countries to spread the word.
Thursday 30 July Tisha B’Av (Day of Mourning)	Tisha B’Av is the traditional mourning day in Judaism. Various disasters have occurred on this day, such as the destruction of the First and Second Temple and the beginning of the Holocaust. The Jews fast on this day. Pray that they may find comfort in the Word of God on this day.
Friday 31 July	Pray for blessings on the work of Koen Carlier and his team in Ukraine. Despite the coronavirus crisis, preparations for the Aliyah from Ukraine have continued and meals are being supplied to the Jewish community through the Meals on Wheels program. Pray for wisdom, strength and sufficient financial resources to be able to do the work.