



"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"
(Esther 4:14)

In February the Jewish people will celebrate Purim, the holiday centered on the Jewish people being rescued from the evil man Haman. In the verse above, Mordechai is speaking to Esther. Mordechai is convinced that God will save the Jewish people. He also believes that God can use Esther to do this, but that He does not rely on Esther. This is still the case. God uses people to help and to save Israel, but if these people fail or are out of the picture it does not mean that the salvation and protection are gone as well. Although God does not rely on our prayers in His governing of the earth, we learn from the Bible and from experience that prayer is extremely important and powerful. So in the coming months let us pray for God's protection of Israel.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

*Shalom,
Christians for Israel Prayer Team*

February 2021

Mon 1 Feb.	Snowy weather in the mountains of Israel means more meltwater in the spring. This results in more water flowing into the Jordan, which has struggled with low water levels for a long time. Pray for a lot of snow in the right places in Israel.
Tue 2 Feb.	Pray for Israel's protection against the coronavirus. The country has dealt with severe waves of the virus and now hopes to turn the tide with vaccines. Pray that the country will come out on top of the coronavirus and that it places its trust firstly in God.
Wed 3 Feb.	Thousands of Israelis, including many families with children, have fallen below the poverty line due to the coronavirus. Pray that help will be available to these people so that no one will need to go hungry.
Thu 4 Feb.	Many high schoolers have been sitting at home for months during the corona crisis or are still stuck at home. This results in loneliness and delays in learning. Pray that these young people will not become discouraged and that they will be able to return to their normal lives soon.
Fri 5 Feb.	Because the Israeli cabinet fell for the third time in two years in December, new elections will be held in March. Pray that Israel will be governed well in the meantime.

Sat 6 Feb.	The Israeli air force is important to Israel's security. For example, if there were no other options left, Israel could respond to an extreme threat from Iran with air strikes. Pray for good and sufficient materials and manpower for the Israeli air force.
Sun 7 Feb.	Psalms 22 is a prayer in the time of trial. Although David was in extreme distress when he wrote this psalm, he spoke words of trust three times in a row: "In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame." (Psalm 22:4-5) Pray that Israel will trust in God in these times of uncertainty.
Mon 8 Feb.	Pray for a blessing over the work of Israeli police. In some areas the police have to deal with terrorism on a regular basis. Pray for protection for the police officers.
Tue 9 Feb.	Israel is making many innovations in clean energy. Israelis are developing ground-breaking innovations in other areas as well. Give thanks that Israel is a blessing to the world and pray that the world will acknowledge this.
Wed 10 Feb.	Pray for all Holocaust survivors. They often live in poverty and experience daily psychological pain caused by traumas from the war. Pray for comfort and healing for these people and for blessing on all initiatives set up to help them.
Thu 11 Feb.	Give thanks for the Messianic Jews in Israel. Give thanks that they have come to know Jesus as the Messiah.
Fri 12 Feb.	Pray that many Palestinians will come to faith in the Lord Jesus, to the glory of God's name and for a blessing to the Jewish brothers and sisters.
Sat 13 Feb.	Graduates of the Israeli military intelligence unit have founded an organization to help startups in the Arab community in Israel. Give thanks for this great initiative and pray for a blessing over the work of this organization.
Sun 14 Feb.	"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:8) Pray for the work of Adi (formerly Aleh), an organization in Israel that cares for children with multiple handicaps. Unfortunately Adi has been hit by corona infections and one resident has passed away. Pray for protection against corona for Adi and pray for a blessing over their special and important work.
Mon 15 Feb.	Israelis sometimes build houses in Judea and Samaria without official permission. The government is then forced to decide whether or not to legalize this housing. Pray that the government will make good decisions.
Tue 16 Feb.	Archeological projects in Jerusalem regularly turn up objects from the First Temple period. This demonstrates the dependability of the Bible and also shows that Jerusalem is a city with Jewish roots. Pray that the international community will acknowledge this and stop seeing Jerusalem primarily as an Islamic city.
Wed 17 Feb.	Recently, Israeli soldiers and police officers who are responsible for ensuring safety in Palestinian territories have been bombarded with large stones thrown down from the rooftops. This has happened several times. When one of the stones hits someone it is almost always deadly. Pray for protection for the security forces against these specific attacks.
Thu 18 Feb.	Pray for protection for all those who guard checkpoints in Israel. The checkpoints are regular targets for terrorist attacks. Pray that planned attacks will not succeed.
Fri 19 Feb.	Pray for a blessing on the work of First Baptist Church in Bethlehem. This church is led by Naim and Elvira Khoury and works to reach the residents of Bethlehem with love for Jesus, God's kingdom and Israel. They are doing this in a difficult setting, because life under the Palestinian Authority is difficult for the Christians of Bethlehem.
Sat 20 Feb.	It remains to be seen what position Kamala Harris, newly elected vice president of the United States, will take regarding Israel. During the campaign she promised that she wants to restart the aid to Palestinians. Pray that she will work for the safety of Israel and for peace in the region.

Sun 21 Feb.	"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24) President Joe Biden has chosen Tony Blinken as Secretary of State. Blinken is a known friend of Israel. Pray that Blinken will work in Israel's best interests and that there will be a good working relationship between Israel and Blinken.
Mon 22 Feb.	The Palestinian Authority regularly tries to convince the Palestinian population that terrorists who have made attacks on Israel are heroes. The entrance gate of a Palestinian university, for example, is named after Salah Khalaf, the man who committed an attack in 1972, causing the deaths of 11 Israeli athletes. Pray that this practice will end and that the Palestinian people will make peace with Israel instead of war.
Tue 23 Feb.	Ethiopia is being ravaged by an extreme grasshopper plague and has requested aid from Israel. Israeli expertise is recruited in emergency situations in other places around the world as well, for example during serious drought. Pray that will Israel will increase as a light to the nations.
Wed 24 Feb.	Thank the Lord for His unfailing Word. Psalm 69:35, 36 is part of His Word, and like the rest, will not fail. Words like 'saving', 'rebuilding', 'living', 'possessing', 'descendants', and 'inheritance' mean exactly what they say.
Thu 25 Feb. Ta'anit Ester (The Fast of Esther)	"Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti." (Esther 2:17) Here God is unfolding a plan behind the scenes to save His people. Give thanks that Israel still exists despite all the persecution it has experienced, and as such is a sign of hope.
Fri 26 Feb. Purim (Feast of Lots)	Purim is always an exuberant and cheerful holiday. Pray that this year, despite corona, it can be celebrated joyfully and safely.
Sat 27 Feb.	Iran is capable of enriching more and more uranium. Last year there was an attack on a nuclear enrichment facility in Iran, likely carried out by Israel. Pray that intervention will be possible when Iran becomes really dangerous.
Sun 28 Feb.	"He changes times and seasons; He disposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." (Daniel 2:21) Not long ago there were talks between Israel and Saudi Arabia about the normalization of relations between the two countries. At the time it became clear that normalization will be very difficult as long as Salman, the Saudi king, is in power. Pray that this will change and that Salman will be open to improving relations.

March 2021

Mon 1 Mar.	At the end of last year an important leader of the Iranian nuclear energy program was liquidated in Iran. Pray Israel's protection from Iran and that no one will be found to fill this man's position.
Tue 2 Mar.	Israel has now been able to normalize its ties with Morocco as well. Morocco is the fifth Arab country to make this choice. Give thanks for this step towards more peace in the Middle East and pray for good cooperation between Israel and Morocco.
Wed 3 Mar.	There is still a small Jewish community in Sudan. Because of the normalization between Sudan and Israel this group now feels significantly safer. Before, the group hardly dared to admit to being Jewish, but now Sudanese people are helping the Jews to restore the Jewish cemetery. Give thanks for this wonderful development.
Thu 4 Mar.	Pray for the online conference for all representatives of C4I (Christians for Israel International) that is being held on March 4 th and 5 th . Pray that despite the restrictions at the moment all the participants will be able to keep declaring God's faithfulness to Israel.
Fri 5 Mar.	Now Israel has signed peace treaties with three more Arab countries, businesspeople from those countries are eager to trade with Israel. The remarkable thing is that in their contacts with Israel there has been no mention of labeling products from the 'settlements'. Give thanks for these great developments.

Sat 6 Mar.	A new academic program founded by Israeli Uriel Reichman was recently opened on Cyprus. Reichman hopes to promote regional cooperation between countries together with the academy, by allowing students from different countries to study together. Pray for this initiative to be blessed.
Sun 7 Mar.	"Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies." (Romans 8:33) The UN accepted dozens of motions condemning Israel again last year. Pray that the UN will come to its senses and stop with the one-sided condemnation of Israel.
Mon 8 Mar.	An international council of Muslim leaders which includes 1300 imams, has adopted the definition of anti-Semitism used by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. This decision was made within the framework of the peace developments in the Middle East. It is extremely noteworthy that the council has accepted this definition. Give thanks for this.
Tue 9 Mar.	Let Psalm 33:10,1 inspire your prayer for Israel today: "The LORD foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations."
Wed 10 Mar.	Thank God for Jerusalem and Israel on the basis of Psalm 102:21: "...so the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem." Give thanks for Jerusalem as the capital of Israel: one city, eternal and indivisible.
Thu 11 Mar.	There is a huge amount of anti-Semitism being spewed on twitter. Pray that this anti-Semitism will be dealt with and for protection for Jewish communities worldwide.
Fri 12 Mar.	The United States has categorized the BDS movement (Boycott, Disinvestment and Sanctions) as anti-Semitic. This means that organizations that support the movement can see reductions in government support. Give thanks for this decision and pray that it will contribute to the fight against anti-Semitism.
Sat 13 Mar.	Swastikas have been etched into Jewish headstones in Germany and in other countries as well. Pray that the perpetrators of this crime will be apprehended. Also pray for strength and comfort for the Jewish community as they are faced with such gross offences.
Sun 14 Mar.	"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD."
Mon 15 Mar.	Pray for protection for Israel's spies and associates among the Palestinians who are critical to Israel's ability to foil terrorist attacks.
Tue 16 Mar.	The terrorist organization Fatah is clear on what Palestine is to them – the entire country of Israel. Fatah will not accept less; in their eyes the Israeli state should not exist. Pray for Israel's protection from this organization's terrorist attacks.
Wed 17 Mar.	Hamas has held two Jewish boys who crossed the border into Gaza in custody for years (since about 2015). Both boys had a psychological disorder. The boys have not been heard from since they crossed the border. Pray that the boys will be freed and that they will be able to return to Israel.
Thu 18 Mar.	This past fall the Tzahal (the Israeli army) found landmines on the Golan Heights. In response to this Israel attacked Iranian targets in Syria. Pray for the protection of Israel from counter-attacks from Syrian territory.
Fri 19 Mar.	Pray for the protection of Israel's northern borders. Pray that no terrorists will infiltrate Israel from Syria and Lebanon. Also pray for Israel's protection from the rockets in Lebanon that are permanently aimed towards Israel. These rockets have been set up by Hezbollah.
Sat 20 Mar.	Pray for the more than 21,000 people who have made aliyah in 2020 but find it difficult to integrate due to corona. Besides this difficulty, they are barely allowed any visits from family abroad. Pray that these people will receive the strength to work on their future in Israel.
Sun 21 Mar.	"Restore us, O God; make Your face shine on us, that we may be saved." (Psalm 80:3) This sentence, which forms a prayer, appears in Psalm 80 three times. It is a cry to God for mercy. Give thanks that God has mercy on His people time after time. In December 2020 253 Bnei Menashe came to Israel. These are Jews who are descended from the tribe of Manasseh and

	now live in India. Over the past several years approximately 4,500 Bnei Menashe have come to Israel. Give thanks that God is bringing His people home from all over the world.
Mon 22 Mar.	As anti-Semitism grows in Europe and the United States, more and more Jews are considering aliyah. What holds some of them back is their deep connection with countries where they live and their anxiety about the transition to the Israeli culture, which is different than their own. Pray that the connection between these Jews and the land of Israel will be strengthened.
Tue 23 Mar.	There are over 14,000 Jews in Ethiopia who would like to make aliyah. The government has now determined that 2000 of them can come in the beginning of this year. Pray that the rest will soon be allowed to come as well, especially now the situation has become dangerous for many of them due to the war raging in Ethiopia.
Wed 24 Mar.	"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Matthew 25:35a) Last year Koen Carlier and his team in Ukraine distributed food parcels to poor elderly Jews, many of them Holocaust survivors. Give thanks so many people were helped with a parcel and pray that their poverty will decrease. Also pray for a blessing over the work done by Koen and his team.
Thu 25 Mar.	Give thanks for the online meetings of C4I (Christians for Israel International), made possible with ZOOM, making Biblical teaching about Israel available to Christians in countries such as Singapore, Malaysia and Pakistan. Give thanks for the online distribution of C4I's newspaper, the updates that are sent out weekly, and the Bible studies on the website and on YouTube.
Fri 26 Mar.	Pray that our solidarity with Israel may add to our longing expectance of the return of our Savior Jesus.
Sat 27 Mar.	"Sabbath days to rest, feast days to rejoice and seasons to be glad, this Sabbath day and this day of the feast of matzos, this day of holy convocation, this day of freedom and love, a holy convocation to commemorate the exodus from Egypt" (from the Kiddush song). The Jews are celebrating Passover in the coming days. Pray for a blessing over this celebration. Over the coming days our prayers will be based on songs that are sung on the Seder evening.
Sun 28 Mar. Seder Evening	"We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, now we are free" (Avadim Hayinu). Give thanks that the Jewish people now have their own country where they can live in freedom.
Mon 29 Mar. Passover	"This is what keeps us and our forefathers alive. This is what keeps us and our forefathers alive: the promise" (Vehi She'amda). God keeps His promises. God's path with the nation of Israel is a beautiful example of this: It goes over mountains and through valleys, but leads to the place that God has promised. Give thanks for God's faithfulness.
Tue 30 Mar. Passover	"The mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs. Why was it, sea, that you fled? Why, Jordan, did you turn back?" (B'tzeit Yisrael). Israel's exodus was accompanied by great miracles. God is still a God of miracles today. Pray that Israel may experience this in protection from its enemies.
Wed 31 Mar. Passover	"Why is this night different than all other nights?" (Ma Nishtana). This question, like the other three questions about the Seder meal, is always asked by the youngest child in a Jewish family. This is to involve the children in this special meal. Pray for all Jewish children. Pray that they may know from a young age that they have a Father in heaven.