



Shalom,

“Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, ‘Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?’ declares the LORD. ‘Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.’” (Jer. 18:5-6)

Jeremiah received a special message at the potter’s house: Israel is like clay in God’s hands. God shapes Israel as He wills and determines Israel’s path. Yet as becomes clear in this chapter, Israel itself also has a role in this. If the nation repents, God will deliver them from the evil that He had brought over them. (Jer. 18:8) We read about this again several chapters later in Jeremiah 29. Israel has been carried into captivity but God promises that the people of Israel will return to the Promised Land. We see this promise being fulfilled now. This month, give thanks that God holds Israel in His hands and that He is a God of grace and is faithful. Pray for Israel’s protection now that God has brought them back to the Promised Land. Also pray that secular Israeli’s will turn back to God.

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The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

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Fri 1 Oct	As Christians we should realize that our lives do not belong to ourselves, but to God the Father. Make prayer for Israel a priority. These times of Intercession are all the more valuable because the restoration of Israel is a fulfillment of God’s word.
Sat 2 Oct Sabbath	An interesting find was made in Israel recently: an inscription dating to the time of the Judges of what is most likely the name Jerubbaal, one of Gideon’s names. This shows that the Bible is a dependable book and that the history of the Jewish people lies in Israel. Give thanks for this discovery.
Sun 3 Oct	“The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: ‘I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.’” (Jer. 31:3) Pray that the message of God’s faithfulness to Israel will sound around the world. Pray that people will be encouraged to pray for and support Israel.
Mon 4 Oct	Yair Lapid is the Israeli minister of Foreign Affairs. Although he has not had this job for long, it is already becoming clear that Lapid is reaching out to European countries more than his predecessor did and that he is trying to improve relations. Pray for wisdom for Lapid in this process and pray that the European Union will position itself as more of an ally to Israel.
Tue 5 Oct	Ben & Jerry’s, a well-known ice cream manufacturer, has decided to stop selling ice cream in the West Bank and East Jerusalem because of what they believe is the Israeli occupation of these

	territories. Pray that the boycott will be retracted and that no other companies will follow their example and impose similar boycotts.
Wed 6 Oct	Officially, Jews are forbidden to pray on the Temple Mount but a blind eye has been turned to those who do. However when Arab Israeli's protested this, it immediately led to tensions. Pray for wisdom for the Israeli government in dealing with this and pray that it will become possible for Jews to pray on the Temple Mount.
Thu 7 Oct	Pray for a blessing over joint initiatives between Israelis and Palestinians to live together peaceably. Recently an Israeli mother donated one of her kidneys to a Palestinian child and the child's father donated a kidney to an Israeli man. Give thanks for this and pray that such initiatives will inspire others.
Fri 8 Oct	Pray for the Israeli government. The government is made up of parties that usually do not get along but now have to work together anyway. Pray that they will lead the country with unanimity and decisiveness while looking to God for help and wisdom.
Sat 9 Oct Sabbath	The Israeli government plans to reform Israeli society on multiple levels. The retirement age will be raised and importing goods will become easier. Pray that the government will make good decisions and pray that the reforms will be a blessing to society.
Sun 10 Oct	"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in You." Psalm 39:7. Although many in Israel have already been vaccinated, there continue to be new outbreaks of the corona virus. Pray that COVID will be pushed back in Israel and Israeli innovations such as medicines to treat COVID and advanced ventilators can play a role in this. Also pray that people will put their hope in God above all else.
Mon 11 Oct	Medicines for the effective treatment of corona virus infections are being discovered and developed in Israel on a regular basis. Give thanks for the steps that Israel has been able to make in this area and pray that these Israeli discoveries will be a blessing to the rest of the world.
Tue 12 Oct	Pray for protection for all Palestinians who want to live in peace with Israel and actively work towards peace. The Palestinian Authority, especially in the Gaza Strip, punishes this activity ruthlessly.
Wed 13 Oct	Terrorists are frequently starting fires in Israel. Pray that the fires will be put out on time and that the perpetrators will be brought to light.
Thu 14 Oct	At the moment there are many problems with the Bedouin population in the Negev desert in the south of Israel. Issues among this group include tax evasion, bribery, vandalism and theft. Pray the problems with this part of Israel will be dealt with and that there will be more opportunities available to young people for positive personal development.
Fri 15 Oct	Pray for Rev. Shaleem Shalash from Nazareth. This Arab Christian pastor shares the message about God's love for Israel to those around him.
Sat 16 Oct Sabbath	There is still much division within Israel: divisions between orthodox and secular, left and right, Jew and Arab. Pray for more unity within Israeli society.
Sun 17 Oct	"The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the exiles of Israel." Psalm 147:2. Give thanks that this is taking place in our time; that Jerusalem has been rebuilt and that Jews are coming home to Israel from all over the world.
Mon 18 Oct	The Israeli government has given approval for the construction of approximately 2000 houses for Jews and 1000 houses for Arabs in Judea and Samaria. Pray that the government will make wise decisions as they approve building permits and pray for the protection of Jews in Judea and Samaria.
Tue 19 Oct	Pray that Muslims who live in Israel or the Palestinian territories will come to faith in Jesus. Also pray for protection for Muslim converts to Christianity, as converting carries heavy penalties within Islam.
Wed 20 Oct	Lebanon is on the verge of total collapse, both economically and politically. Israel fears that if Lebanon collapses it will end up completely under Iran's power and become an even greater threat to Israel. Pray that this will not happen and that good leaders will come to power in Lebanon.
Thu 21 Oct	This summer Iran carried out a deadly attack on an oil tanker owned by an Israeli company. Pray for comfort for the victims' families and pray that the perpetrators will be punished.

Fri 22 Oct	Hezbollah has recently fired missiles into Israel from Lebanon. Thankfully Iron Dome intercepted most of them and the rest landed in unpopulated areas. Give thanks that no one was injured or killed and pray for the protection of Israel along its northern border.
Sat 23 Oct Sabbath	After Hezbollah had fired missiles at Israel a group of Lebanese Druze stopped the truck carrying the launch system. Give thanks for their actions, pray for the protection of the Druze population and pray that this population will continue to position itself as pro-Israel.
Sun 24 Oct	“Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8. This verse is so complete, so all-encompassing. We have a great God who holds everything in His hand! Pray that Israel will lean into this verse and look to God for help.
Mon 25 Oct	After the war with Gaza this spring calm never fully returned to the southern border of Israel. Palestinian terrorists continued to attack Israel using means such as fire balloons and the occasional rocket attack. Pray that real calm will be restored on the Gaza border.
Tue 26 Oct	Pray for protection for the towns and villages in the south of Israel. When rockets are fired from Gaza, these communities are usually the target. Pray for the people who live there and especially for the children in these communities.
Wed 27 Oct	Pray that the Israeli army will discover all secret tunnels being dug or already constructed, whether they come towards Israel from Lebanon or from Gaza.
Thu 28 Oct	Israel plans to set up a worldwide network shield against cyber-attacks. They want to work on this together with other countries to combat the growing threat of cyber-attacks. Pray for a blessing over this plan and pray that it will lead to greater security for Israel.
Fri 29 Oct	Turkish president Tayyip Erdogan has called the new president of Israel, Isaac Herzog, to congratulate him on his appointment. This is interesting, because Turkey has been working against Israel, for example by letting Hamas fighters operate from Turkey. Pray for wisdom for Israeli leaders to deal with this unexpected overture made by Turkey.
Sat 30 Oct Sabbath	Iran is involved in imperialistic advances in the Middle East. In many countries it is attempting to expand its power and influence by supporting militant movements, especially in the countries surrounding Israel. Pray that Iran will be stopped.
Sun 31 Oct	“Jesus replied, ‘What is impossible with man is possible with God.’” Luke 18:27. For the first time in ten years a meeting has taken place between Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas and an important Israeli minister, Benny Gantz. Abbas and Gantz discussed the Palestinian economy, security and diplomacy. Pray that this conversation will lead to calm and peace between Israel and the Palestinians, even though peace may seem impossible in our eyes.

November 2021

Mon 1 Nov	Pray for a good relationship between Israel and the United States. It seems like Israel’s new government and the American governments get along well. Pray that the U.S. will be a good ally to Israel.
Tue 2 Nov	In July Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas presented his conditions to resume peace talks with Israel. However these conditions are unacceptable to Israel, although the US was open to some of the conditions. Pray that Israel will make the right decisions on the degree to which they will accept these conditions.
Wed 3 Nov	Russia has been countering Israeli air raids on Iranian targets in Syria for a while. Russia is an ally of Iran and believes the Israeli air raids must stop. Israel sees Iran’s influence in Syria as a significant threat. Pray that Israel will be able to continue pushing Iran out of Syria.
Thu 4 Nov	Bahrain and Israel are going to work together to strengthen each other’s security and protect themselves from threats from Iran. Pray for good cooperation between the two countries.
Fri 5 Nov	A UN human rights council delegation wanted to investigate whether schools in Gaza were safe but were denied entry by Hamas members. This was because there was a tunnel under one of the schools. This shows once again that Hamas uses children as human shields. Pray that this terrible practice will end and pray for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Sat 6 Nov Sabbath	<p>Polls show that more than half of Palestinians believe that Hamas is the party that most deserves to represent and lead the Palestinian people. Of course this is a huge problem for Israel since Hamas is a terrorist organization. Pray that good leaders who want peace with Israel will stand up among the Palestinians and that the Palestinians eyes will be opened to the crimes of Hamas.</p>
Sun 7 Nov	<p>“Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.” Genesis 26:3. Give thanks that God is faithful to His oath and that more and more Jews are returning to the Promised Land.</p>
Mon 8 Nov	<p>The relationship between Israel and Poland has deteriorated. This is because a law has been made in Poland ending the possibility for Jews to reclaim goods and property they lost during the Second World War. Pray that a solution will be found and that the relationship between Israel and Poland will be restored.</p>
Tue 9 Nov	<p>This summer a rabbi was stabbed at a Jewish school in the American state of Massachusetts. Antisemitic attacks like this are becoming more frequent in the United States and other western countries. Pray for Jews’ protection from such attacks.</p>
Wed 10 Nov	<p>At demonstrations against COVID restrictions in the Netherlands protesters wore striped outfits with Star of David badges. They also carried signs comparing COVID restrictions to the Holocaust. This is a terrible insult to Jews, as the suffering that they experienced then was incomparably greater than the inconveniences of the current restrictions. Pray for people to be more aware of what the Holocaust was actually like.</p>
Thu 11 Nov	<p>There are still many conspiracy theories circulating about the corona virus and many of them carry antisemitic tones. We know from history that antisemitic ideas of this kind can lead to much violence towards Jews. Pray for the protection of the Jewish people.</p>
Fri 12 Nov	<p>The United Kingdom saw a significant increase in antisemitic incidents this year, most of them aimed at young people. Pray for the protection of young Jews and pray that they will find comfort through faith in God. Also pray that they will have the opportunity to move to Israel.</p>
Sat 13 Nov Sabbath	<p>Antisemitism is growing, but there are also groups in society who are working to spread a different message. For example, some groups organize symposiums about antisemitism to increase awareness. Give thanks for initiatives like these.</p>
Sun 14 Nov	<p>“Hear the word of the LORD, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over His flock like a shepherd.’” Jeremiah 31:10. Israel needs a lot of prayer right now as it seems that the threats the nation faces continue to grow. Yet we can also continue to give thanks that God is gathering His people in Israel their homeland.</p>
Mon 15 Nov	<p>Israel’s right to exist is strongly disputed within multiple UN organizations. By means of various committees Israel is accused of severe human rights violations. More often than not, Islamic countries who oppose Israel are behind these committees. Pray that such practices will end.</p>
Tue 16 Nov	<p>A group of six hundred Dutch academics have signed a very one-sided condemnation of Israel calling for a total boycott of Israel. The petition does not include a single word on the terrorism of Hamas. Pray that there will be push-back and that the hate towards Israel will be broken down.</p>
Wed 17 Nov	<p>Many supposedly humorous antisemitic images are circulating on social media. Such images are far from harmless however. Pray that the various social media will take measures against those who spread these images and that people’s eyes will be opened to the evil hiding behind the image.</p>
Thu 18 Nov	<p>The Church of England is preparing an apology to British Jews for laws that were made by the church 800 years ago which led to Jews being driven out of the country. Although this apology comes extremely late, the Jewish community still sees it as a positive statement at a time when the number of antisemitic incidents is growing. Give thanks for this step.</p>
Fri 19 Nov	<p>There are also supporters of the BDS movement within the church. These are often Christians who believe that Israel no longer plays a special part in God’s plan with the world and that the modern-day state of Israel is an apartheid state where Palestinians are oppressed. Pray that these Christians’ eyes will be opened and that instead of opposing Israel they will support Israel.</p>

Sat 20 Nov Sabbath	“All Your words are true; all Your righteous laws are eternal.” Psalm 119:160. Thank God for the Scriptures, which link creation, the promise to Abraham, the birth of Jesus the Messiah, the restoration of Israel and the new heaven and earth to each other.
Sun 21 Nov	“My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.” Isaiah 32:18. Give thanks for all of the people who were able to make Aliyah in the past year. Among them were a group of French Jews who made Aliyah to Israel this summer and many more Jews in France are considering doing the same. Pray that they will have the opportunity to move.
Mon 22 Nov	It is difficult for many younger adults to make Aliyah to Israel because their degrees are often not valid in Israel or because it takes a long time before they are recognized as valid. Israeli Member of Parliament Yomtob Kalfon is working hard to change this and simplify the process. Pray for a blessing over his work.
Tue 23 Nov	Pray that Israel will continue to prioritize Aliyah. Minister of Aliyah and Integration Pnina Tamano-Shata works tirelessly to promote Aliyah. Pray for a blessing over her work.
Wed 24 Nov	Many elderly Jews in Ukraine are living in extreme poverty. Koen Carlier and his Christians for Israel team distribute food parcels to these Jews. Give thanks for the work that they do and pray that they will reach many people.
Thu 25 Nov	Pray for the youth branch of Christians for Israel, Isreality. Pray that many young people will be reached through social media and the Isreality magazine with the message that God has a plan for Israel and is faithful to His people.
Fri 26 Nov	Give thanks for all the opportunities C4I (Christians for Israel International) has had recently to spread the message of God’s faithfulness to Israel. C4I Nepal has started a WhatsApp message service and in Russia one of our partners has started a new internet TV channel that focuses on Israel. Pray for a blessing over these developments.
Sat 27 Nov Sabbath	Our Christians for Israel International (C4I) team in Brazil invites 12 pastors and Christians business people every month and shares the message of God’s plan for Israel. They also discuss how to support Christians in Israel. Give thanks for these meetings and pray that more and more Christians in Brazil will have a love for God’s people.
Sun 28 Nov Hanukkah	This evening marks the beginning of Hanukkah, the holiday commemorating the reconsecration of the temple in 164 BC. Hanukkah is the feast of light. Pray for blessed holidays for the Jewish people.
Mon 29 Nov Hanukkah	During Hanukkah the nine-armed lamp with oil or candles is lit. In the Sephardic tradition this is followed by singing Psalm 30. In the coming days we pray in the words of Psalm 30. “I will exalt You, LORD, for You lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.” Psalm 30:1. Give thanks for all the times that God has saved His people from their enemies throughout history.
Tue 30 Nov Hanukkah	Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9. Pray for God’s blessing over Christians for Israel’s teams worldwide.