



Shalom,

Rev. Willem Glashouwer once said, "Christians for Israel is not so much a pro-Israel movement as it is a 'back to the Bible' movement." What a bold and poignant characterization of our work. Anyone who has a problem with what we do for God's people should not be upset with us but should re-read the Bible. As Kevin Loo, a pastor from Kuala Lumpur, puts it, "God's will is found in God's Word."

This prayer calendar, which begins with the month of December and after New Year's continues with the month of January, is also an assignment to look up and read the referenced Bible texts or to take the time to read some more of the prophecies about the return of Israel to its land and purpose. It will not be hard to find them, because the Scriptures speak of this over 700 times. These passages were prophesied by very different people in many different periods of history.

That is why we as Christians for Israel are excited and thankful for our campaign, "Bring the Jews Home". We have been demonstrating the faithfulness of God's prophetic word through this ministry for 25 years! The Hebrew Bible ends with Second Chronicles. Unfortunately we Christians have changed the order of the Bible books. In the last verse of Second Chronicles we read, "Any of his people among you may go up, and may the Lord their God be with them" (2 Chr. 36:23); a great verse to take with us into the New Year.

May God's indispensable blessing be with you in 2022,  
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

## December 2021

Wed 1 Dec Hanukkah	During Hanukkah we pray the words of Psalm 30. "LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me." (Psalm 30:2) Give thanks that God listens to the prayers of His people Israel and to our own prayers. We never call to God in vain.
Thu 2 Dec Hanukkah	"You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit." (Psalm 30:3) Give thanks that after the horrendous events of the Holocaust God has given the people of Israel a land of their own and that the nation has risen as if from the dead.
Fri 3 Dec Hanukkah	"Sing the praises of the Lord, you His faithful people; praise His holy name. For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:4-5) The Psalms came to us through the people of Israel, just like the rest of the Old Testament. Give thanks for this and pray that we as Christians will never forget it.
Sat 4 Dec Sabbath Hanukkah	"Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when You hid Your face, I was dismayed." (Psalm 30:7) Pray for all Jews who feel that they have been deserted by God and no longer believe that God is present. Pray that they may see again that God is a living

	God and that He is their Father.
<b>Sun 5 Dec</b> <b>Hanukkah</b>	“You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.” (Psalm 30:11) Give thanks that God is a God who can bring about great change and bring hope in hopeless situations. Nothing is impossible with God.
<b>Mon 6 Dec</b>	“That my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise You forever.” (Psalm 30:12) Pray that the time will come when Jews and Christians will praise God together in unity on the new earth.
<b>Tue 7 Dec</b>	In East Jerusalem 30 Muslims are working together as part of the rescue squad United Hatzalah and the Israeli army. They train together to conduct rescue missions after earthquakes or other disasters. Give thanks for this unique collaboration.
<b>Wed 8 Dec</b>	This past summer six Palestinian terrorists escaped from a maximum-security prison in Israel. Afterwards it became clear that Israeli Arabs had hardly provided any aid to the escape. In fact, they provided tips to the Israeli police. Give thanks that there were Arab Israelis who cared about the safety of Israel and were not caught up in the celebratory mood among some Palestinians after the escapes.
<b>Thu 9 Dec</b>	Israelis are attacked with knives in the street on a regular basis. Sometimes police are able to intervene and neutralize the attackers. Give thanks for the times that knife attacks could be prevented and pray that police officers on the streets will be alert and be able to respond to knife attacks quickly and effectively.
<b>Fri 10 Dec</b>	Pray for wisdom for the Israeli government as they continue to combat the corona virus, that they will take the right steps and make the right decisions.
<b>Sat 11 Dec</b> <b>Sabbath</b>	Israeli Prime Minister Bennett has indicated that he is against the founding of a Palestinian state. Yair Lapid, who will succeed Bennett a year and a half from now, holds a more nuanced view. Pray for wisdom for these two Israeli government leaders to make the right choices and take the right position.
<b>Sun 12 Dec</b>	“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” (Psalm 20:7) Pray that the Israelis will put their trust and hope in God above all else when it comes to their country’s security.
<b>Mon 13 Dec</b>	The Israeli cabinet has set aside a large amount of money in the national budget for the support of minorities such as Arabs and Druze. The funds are intended to close the gap between minorities and the rest of the population in areas such as education. Pray that these plans will lead to positive outcomes.
<b>Tue 14 Dec</b>	According to a recent study, children in 17% percent of Israeli families do not get enough food to make it through the day without being hungry. Pray for a blessing over all organizations that distribute food and pray that long-term solutions to the problem will be found.
<b>Wed 15 Dec</b>	Joseph’s grave is located near the Arab town of Nablus. Jews often visit the site to pray but Palestinians do everything they can to prevent this. Pray that the violence near Joseph’s grave will stop and that the Jewish visitors will be protected from attacks.
<b>Thu 16 Dec</b>	As a result of the corona crisis massive layoffs loom for the Israeli airline industry. This in turn could cause the entire industry to collapse in Israel. Pray that this will not happen and that Israel will be able to welcome large numbers of tourists again.
<b>Fri 17 Dec</b>	Recently dozens of Israelis from Hebron threw stones at homes and cars in an Arab village. We often hear of incidents where it is the other way around but this sometimes happens as well. Pray that such incidents will no longer take place on either side.
<b>Sat 18 Dec</b> <b>Sabbath</b>	“Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you!” (Psalm 9:19)
<b>Sun 19 Dec</b>	“The Lord replied, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ Then Moses said to Him, ‘If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.’” (Exodus 33:14-15) Moses pleaded with God that He would go with Israel on its way to the land of Canaan. Give thanks that God went with Israel then and pray that Israel may experience God’s continued presence.
<b>Mon 20 Dec</b>	Pray for healthcare workers in Israel. Due to the corona virus many of them were already stretched to the breaking point and part of the health care system is still overloaded. Pray that there will be more breathing room for healthcare workers and that all the sick can receive care.

<b>Tue 21 Dec</b>	In Israel's Arab territories there is much criminal activity and little respect for the police. Israel has decided to actively address this problem, through measures such as making possession and sale of weapons in Arab territories illegal. Pray that this will be effective and that criminal activities will be reduced.
<b>Wed 22 Dec</b>	Israel's homeland security service Shin Bet has a new director, Ronen Bar. Pray for wisdom for Bar to lead the security service well, to set the right priorities and to always be one step ahead of the enemy.
<b>Thu 23 Dec</b>	For a few months a blind eye was turned to Jews who went to pray on the Temple Mount. This practice has ended however, probably because of American pressure and the unrest that it caused among Palestinians. Pray that the time will come soon when Jews can pray freely on the Temple Mount.
<b>Fri 24 Dec Christmas Eve</b>	"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from His roots a Branch will bear fruit." (Isaiah 11:1) God promised His people that the Messiah would be born from the family of David. This is what happened. Give thanks for God's faithfulness to His promises.
<b>Sat 25 Dec Christmas Day Sabbath</b>	"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) Give thanks that Jesus came to earth and that He made His dwelling among His people.
<b>Sun 26 Dec</b>	Pray that much rain will fall in Israel this winter, so that the water reserves will be replenished and the Sea of Galilee completely filled.
<b>Mon 27 Dec</b>	Pray for lonely soldiers in the Israeli army. Some soldiers came to Israel to serve in the army, but feel extremely lonely without family. Pray that there will be people ready to help them and be there for them.
<b>Tue 28 Dec</b>	Pray for ex-Muslims who have come to faith in the Lord Jesus and live in Palestinian territory. These Christians have a very hard time and can count on rejection and abuse from their families if they find out.
<b>Wed 29 Dec</b>	Approximately a quarter million Bedouins live in Israel. Many Bedouins, especially those who live in the south of Israel, still live a nomadic life. The Israeli government would prefer that these Bedouins settle down to live in towns and cities. The Bedouins themselves often do not want this, which leads to tensions. Pray for wisdom for both parties to deal with this.
<b>Thu 30 Dec</b>	It has been over a year since the Abraham Accords were signed. Since then the countries involved have helped Israel to make similar deals with other Islamic countries. Give thanks for these developments for the peace of Israel.
<b>Fri 31 Dec New Year's Eve</b>	"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom." (Isaiah 40:28) Humans' abilities and actions are limited, as we have experienced in the past year. But God's power and insight have no limit. Give thanks that God is always the Same, that He is Alpha and Omega.

## January 2022

<b>Sat 1 Jan New Year's Day Sabbath</b>	"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23) Give thanks for the new year that starts today. Pray that in the coming year many will pray for and support Israel.
<b>Sun 2 Jan</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) Give thanks that Jesus has overcome the world and that He is mighty and will protect Israel.
<b>Mon 3 Jan</b>	The Taliban have indicated that they want to maintain relations with all countries except Israel. This means that Israel now faces one more enemy. Although the chances of the Taliban harming Israel directly are slim, a hostile attitude towards Israel is always concerning. Pray for Israel's protection from the Afghan Taliban's hate.
<b>Tue 4 Jan</b>	The beginning of a new year is a good opportunity to pray for a breakthrough in your church or congregation concerning their view on Israel. Christians for Israel has plenty of resources to help

	you with this, like Bible study material, teachings, speaking engagements, newsletters and the bi-monthly newspaper 'Israel & Christians Today'. Feel free to contact us!
<b>Wed 5 Jan</b>	Iran continues to progress with the enrichment of uranium and is getting closer and closer to being able to develop nuclear weapons. Pray that Iran will be held back from doing this.
<b>Thu 6 Jan</b>	Iran recently engaged in large-scale military exercises on the Azerbaijan border. By way of explanation Iran stated that it does appreciate having a Zionist regime as a neighbor. This is a reference to the good relations between Azerbaijan and Israel. Pray for protection for Azerbaijan from Iranian aggression and that the good relations between Azerbaijan and Israel will continue.
<b>Fri 7 Jan</b>	During a British Labour Party convention, the party accepted a motion calling for sanctions against Israel for the oppression of Palestinians. Thankfully this motion was immediately rejected by Shadow Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lisa Nandy. Give thanks for this rejection and pray that the anti-Israel sentiment within the Labour Party will be counteracted.
<b>Sat 8 Jan Sabbath</b>	There is a group of four extremely anti-Israel democratic politicians in the American congress known as "The Squad". They recently tried to stop American support for the Iron Dome; thankfully they failed. Pray that this group will be unsuccessful in their efforts against Israel.
<b>Sun 9 Jan</b>	"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them." (Psalm 34:7) Pray that Israel will be protected by Gods army of angels which surround the nation.
<b>Mon 10 Jan</b>	Israel recently rounded up a Hamas cell in Judea and Samaria. The terrorist group was planning to kidnap soldiers from Judea and Samaria. Give thanks that Israel was able to prevent this.
<b>Tue 11 Jan</b>	Pray that all of Iran's plots to attack Israel through terrorist groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah will come to light.
<b>Wed 12 Jan</b>	Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas demanded during a meeting of the United Nations that Israel immediately pull back to the 1967 borders. Of course Israel will not agree to this, but it shows how unrealistic the Palestinian demands are. Pray for wisdom for Israel in dealing with the situation.
<b>Thu 13 Jan</b>	High-ranking European Union officials and the head of the Committee for Palestinian Refugees of the United Nations have acknowledged that Palestinian textbooks are antisemitic and glorify violence. Give thanks that the EU and UN have finally acknowledged that Palestinian textbooks are antisemitic and pray that this will lead to change.
<b>Fri 14 Jan</b>	Barracks in Auschwitz were recently graffitied with antisemitic slogans. This is completely horrifying to Holocaust survivors and their children. Pray that the perpetrators will be found and punished and that they will regret their actions.
<b>Sat 15 Jan Sabbath</b>	Over 300 European and American politicians have issued an appeal to the United Nations (UN) to stop the discrimination against Israel. Pray that this appeal will lead to the end of the UN's one-sided judgement of Israel.
<b>Sun 16 Jan</b>	"And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him." (1 John 1:15) Over the last several years we have often prayed about the extremely anti-Israel and anti-Jewish Durban Conference in South Africa. This year a record number of countries boycotted the conference. Give thanks for this.
<b>Mon 17 Jan Tu B'Shvat</b>	Today Israel celebrates Tu B'Shvat, the new year of trees. This day used to be important in regard to the laws for the tithing of the harvest. Many trees are planted throughout the country on this day. Pray that Israel will have a good harvest this year.
<b>Tue 18 Jan</b>	The Belgian constitutional court has confirmed a ban on ritual slaughters. Jewish organizations are angry and disappointed and see this as discrimination. They still have the option of going to the European Court for Human Rights. Pray that the European Court will stop the ban.
<b>Wed 19 Jan</b>	In Norway a number of churches have organized exhibits centered around the idea that every day Palestinians on the West Bank supposedly are "being figuratively crucified by Israel". This exhibit is strongly reminiscent of the antisemitic idea that Jews are to blame for the crucifixion of Jesus and should be punished for it. Pray that the churches in Norway will realize what they are doing and change their minds about this terrible exhibit.
<b>Thu 20 Jan</b>	Israeli organizations have discovered that Israeli companies and institutions on average are almost twice as likely to be the targets of cyberattacks compared to companies and institutions in other countries. Pray for the protection of Israel's cyberspace.
<b>Fri 21 Jan</b>	People frequently try to minimize the Holocaust. This is happening in groups within Islam, but also in far-right extremist groups. Pray that this will be counteracted and that people will never forget

	what an atrocity took place.
<b>Sat 22 Jan Sabbath</b>	“A word spoken at the right time is like golden apples in silver settings.” (Proverbs 25:11) Words have power and, when they are meant to encourage, can have an extremely positive effect. Pray that we as Christians will be more and more of a blessing and comfort to Israel following the instruction from Isaiah 40, “Comfort, comfort My people.”
<b>Sun 23 Jan</b>	“Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets.” (Amos 3:7) Pray for prophetic insight from God, so that you can pray for Israel even more purposefully.
<b>Mon 24 Jan</b>	Pray for the Christians for Israel team in Germany. Several new people have come to enrich the team. Pray for wisdom and a blessing over the events they organize. Pray they will reach many Christians in Germany.
<b>Tue 25 Jan</b>	Our C4I branch in Fiji recently had the opportunity to speak online with young adults on Pacific and Alaskan Islands about God’s covenants with Israel, which He will fulfill for Israel. (Jeremiah 32:37-41) Give thanks for this.
<b>Wed 26 Jan</b>	Give thanks for the opportunity to share our English language materials online via Crossflix. Through this Christian streaming service our videos and study materials will be available to many churches and faith communities worldwide.
<b>Thu 27 Jan Holocaust Remembrance Day</b>	In many places around the world today is a day to remember the awful events of the Holocaust. For many Jews it is a difficult day, as survivors remember the war and their children remember their parents’ pain and sadness. Pray for comfort.
<b>Fri 28 Jan</b>	“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.” (Romans 15:5) Pray for unity among Christians, including when it comes to the topic of Israel. Pray that Christians will support and pray for the people of Israel in unity.
<b>Sat 29 Jan Sabbath</b>	The 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christians for Israel campaign ‘Bring the Jews Home’ was last year. Over the past 25 years Christians for Israel has helped over 150,000 Jews to make Aliyah. Give thanks for all the Jews that were able to return thanks to this project and pray that many more Jews can be helped.
<b>Sun 30 Jan</b>	According to the rabbinic definition of a Jew, there are 15.2 million Jews in the world. According to the Israeli law on the right to return however, there are 25 million Jews who are eligible to make Aliyah. Pray for wisdom for the Israeli government as to what criteria they should use to let people in.
<b>Mon 31 Jan</b>	Pray for all Jews who have made Aliyah recently and need to find their feet in the land of Israel. Pray that they will feel at home soon and will be able to find jobs.