



When you receive this prayer calendar it will be a few days after Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), which was celebrated on the 26th - 27th of September. What a privilege to continue in steadfast prayer for God's people in the new Jewish year. Throughout the years the answers to our prayers have often been clearly visible: Consider the continuing Aliyah, how Israel has remained standing in the face of her enemies, and the gift of optimism despite persistent terrorism. Another answer to prayer is the growing longing for the Lord God and for the coming of the Messiah. Many feel that this is the core of what it means to live in the land of Israel!

But there are also countless dangers that threaten Israel's continued existence. Antisemitism is increasing and the constant threat of terrorist attacks from both Hamas and Hezbollah persists, influenced by Iran. Besides these, Israel faces the threat of cyber-terror and the anti-Israel sentiment and smear-campaign in the United Nations (UN). A less visible danger is the increasing secularization and the desire to be like every other nation, while the Bible clearly says, *"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession."* (Deuteronomy 7:6)

It is as though we are looking at a set of scales. On one side is the fulfillment of hundreds of Biblical prophecies, on the other the precarious existence of the Jewish people and the Jewish state. Which way will the scales lean, towards fulfilling or vanishing? We can hold firm to the knowledge that God will certainly finish what He has started. You may know the expression, "God doesn't promise us a peaceful journey, but He does promise a safe arrival." We see the truth of this expression in Israel's faith journey. As intercessors this should not surprise us; after all, we experience the same in our own lives!

So let us look for the coming of the Messiah together with them. That is also when the question of whether Jesus is the Messiah will be answered for the Jewish people. As former mayor of Jerusalem Teddy Kollek said years ago, "When the Messiah comes, the first thing I'm going to ask him is, 'Have you been here before or is this the first time?'"

Shalom,  
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

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Sat 1 Oct Sabbath	Pray for Israel using Psalm 102:1, "Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to You!" and Psalm 116:1, "I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy"
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Sun 2 Oct	If you reject the simple truth of Romans 9, 10 and 11, you open yourself up to a spirit of lies. God's salvation of Israel is inseparably connected to the salvation of our world.
Mon 3 Oct	Pray that Christians will look beyond the (extremely prejudiced) regular news media for news about Israel. Pray that Christians will take the trouble to find dependable news sources and share this information with others.
Tue 4 Oct	Pray that pastors and church leaders will be faithful in prayer for Israel during church services and explain in their preaching that we as Christians have a deep connection with the Jewish people. In early October Rev. Cornelis Kant will travel to Cuba for meetings and Bible studies with theology students in various cities. Give thanks for this opportunity and pray for safe travels and a blessed time in Cuba.
Wed 5 Oct Yom Kippur	<b>Day of Atonement.</b> Today is Yom Kippur. It is the most holy day of the year for Israel and for Jews in every corner of the world. Pray that God will have mercy on His people and will allow Himself to be found as they are earnestly seeking Him.
Thu 6 Oct	"Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position." (2 Peter 3:17) Pray that the Church will be protected from false doctrines and from losing faith in the trustworthiness of the Bible.
Fri 7 Oct	Give thanks for the large numbers of tourists who visited Israel this summer. There were almost as many as in 2019, which was a record year for Israeli tourism.
Sat 8 Oct Sabbath	"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I am very jealous for Zion; I am burning with jealousy for her.'" (Zechariah 8:2) Give thanks that there are hundreds of Bible verses that speak of Jerusalem. Pray for Jerusalem's safety during the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles.
Sun 9 Oct	A leaked video from a Palestinian school in Jerusalem shows students performing a play in which they murder Jews. This is one example of how children are being raised to hate Israel. Pray that this chain of hatred will be broken in these children and that instead they will be educated in respect and love for Israel.
Mon 10 Oct Sukkot	<b>Feast of Tabernacles.</b> Today marks the start of the Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:33-44). Pray that the Jewish people will feel sheltered within their booths. Pray for a safe holiday in which terrorism has no opportunity to disturb the joy of the celebrations. Pray that the Jewish people may know that the Lord God is their shelter.
Tue 11 Oct Sukkot	During Sukkot family members visit each other and celebrate together. Pray that the holiday will promote love and unity within Jewish families.
Wed 12 Oct Sukkot	Sukkot is a feast of joy. Jews are instructed to be joyful during Sukkot regardless of their circumstances. In the New Testament, in Philippians 4:4, Christians are also instructed to be joyful at all times. Pray that together with the Jewish people, we may grow in living lives of joy because we know that God always take care of us.
Thu 13 Oct Sukkot	Zechariah 14:16 promises that in the future the gentile nations will go up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles there. Pray that that time may come soon.
Fri 14 Oct Sukkot	During Sukkot a blessing is pronounced over a bundle of different types of branches, including myrrh and willow branches. They symbolize different kinds of people who all need each other. As there are many denominations within Christendom, there are various groups within Judaism as well. Pray that these groups will be united in spirit and be a blessing and inspiration to their non-believing brothers and sisters.
Sat 15 Oct Sukkot Sabbath	There are gaps in the roof of a sukkah (booth) to see the starry sky and be aware of living under God's protection. Give thanks for God's protection of the Jewish people and in our own lives.
Sun 16 Oct Sukkot	Today is the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles. The Lord Jesus spoke words on the last day of Sukkot that echo down to today. Temple guards who heard Him said, "No one ever spoke the way this man does." (John 7:37-52) Give thanks to God for His Word and for His Son.
Mon 17 Oct Sukkot	<b>Shemini Atzeret (Final day of Celebration of Sukkot).</b> On this Final day of Celebration prayers are said for rain in the land so that next year's harvest will be good. Pray for this rain together with the Jewish people.
Tue 18 Oct Simchat Torah	<b>Joy of the Law.</b> Today the Feast of Tabernacles comes to an end with Simchat Torah. Give thanks that we as Christians can learn so much [from the Jews] about this joy of the law, also known as precepts or rules of conduct. These rules of conduct are a safe shelter, like a stockade surrounding our own personal lives and congregational life.

<b>Wed 19 Oct</b>	There is a serious shortage of police officers in Israel. Pray that new candidates can be trained quickly. Also pray for current police officers, for the strength to do their work well.
<b>Thu 20 Oct</b>	There is also a significant shortage of teachers. Pray that new people will be found to fill this role as well. Pray for a blessing over Israeli teachers and that they will inspire the children to put their trust in God.
<b>Fri 21 Oct</b>	“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, ‘May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.’” (Psalm 122:6-7) Give thanks for this clear Biblical assignment for every Christian who reads the Psalms!
<b>Sat 22 Oct Sabbath</b>	Half of the residents of Jerusalem are living beneath poverty level. Part of the reason for this is that wages are low but the cost of living is high. Pray for a blessing over the work of organizations that distribute food parcels. Also pray for a permanent solution to this poverty.
<b>Sun 23 Oct</b>	Give thanks for the fulfilment of Biblical prophecies and pray that we will keep opening our eyes to the Biblical truths that are being fulfilled in our days. Give thanks that just like the prophecies about the Lord Jesus were fulfilled, the prophecies about Israel will be fulfilled as well!
<b>Mon 24 Oct</b>	Every year groups of foreign archeologists come to Israel to help work on digs. Pray that they will discover finds that demonstrate that the Jewish people has an extremely long history in the land of Israel and that the Bible is trustworthy.
<b>Tue 25 Oct</b>	Pray for safety on Israel’s roads. Anyone who has been in Israel knows that traffic can be chaotic. Pray for protection for Israeli’s as they travel.
<b>Wed 26 Oct</b>	The Israeli secret service tries to prevent as many planned terror attacks as possible by undertaking missions and arresting terrorists before the attacks can take place. Over the past several months many more attacks have been prevented and multiple weapons-smuggling operations have been intercepted. Give thanks for this.
<b>Thu 27 Oct</b>	Give thanks that the Israeli army’s missions in Gaza this past summer did not escalate into a large war. Many of the rockets that were fired at Israel were intercepted by Iron Dome or landed in the sea. Give thanks for this. At the same time, pray for protection against the danger of rockets from Gaza. This threat is never completely gone.
<b>Fri 28 Oct</b>	It has recently come to light that the Islamic cleaning service has been dumping trash on the part of the Temple Mount that is most sacred in Jewish tradition. To many Jews this is grossly offensive. Pray that the Temple Mount will become a place where the God of Israel will be worshipped.
<b>Sat 29 Oct Sabbath</b>	“‘I will be found by you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have banished you,’” declares the LORD, ‘and I will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.’” (Jeremiah 29:14) This verse emphasizes “ <i>all the nations</i> ” and “ <i>all the places</i> ”. Pray for this Bible verse to be fulfilled.
<b>Sun 30 Oct</b>	This summer Israel was shocked by an attack on a public bus. Multiple people lost their lives. Pray for comfort for their loved ones and recovery for the wounded. Pray for protection from terrorist attacks for Israeli’s as they go about their business.
<b>Mon 31 Oct</b>	Israel’s elections are tomorrow. Pray that on this last day of campaigning the various parties will focus on their vision for the country and not on hatred and envy between them. Pray that people will be able to consider carefully who to vote for.

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<b>Tue 1 Nov</b>	Today is election day in Israel. Pray that everything will go smoothly and that this time there will be results that can lead to a majority coalition.
<b>Wed 2 Nov</b>	Pray that one focus of the new government will be addressing the poverty among many elderly people and large families in Israel.
<b>Thu 3 Nov</b>	Pray for wisdom for all those who are involved in the formation of a governing coalition. Pray that they will be lifted up in prayer and may experience God’s guidance.
<b>Fri 4 Nov</b>	Pray for a blessing over the work done by ADI. ADI is an organization that cares for children in Israel with multiple disabilities and provides them with a warm home. Give thanks that this place exists and pray that it may be a blessing to the children and give them a place where they can blossom.

<b>Sat 5 Nov</b>	Change your definition of prayer. Do not think of prayer as an activity that you do for God, but as more of a consciousness of who God is. (from Dietrich Bonhoeffer) Give thanks that God's faithfulness reaches to the clouds. (Psalm 36:5)
<b>Sun 6 Nov</b>	"The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will bring My people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess,' says the LORD." (Jeremiah 30:3) This verse speaks of the entire nation, both Israel and Judah. Pray that Jews from every tribe will be reunited in Israel.
<b>Mon 7 Nov</b>	Pray for the continuous development of the Israeli army's defenses, specifically in relation to the "Cyber Iron Dome" (defense against cyber-attacks). Pray that it will work just as effectively as the "Iron Dome" air defense system does.
<b>Tue 8 Nov</b>	Your prayers are still needed for protection and safety for the residents of Jerusalem and for the Jewish towns in Judea and Samaria, the "Heartland" of Israel. Many residents and visitors feel unsafe. Pray for communication between Israeli and Palestinian authorities.
<b>Wed 9 Nov</b>	Jews from the Jewish towns in the Biblical Heartland often see it as their mission to live in the land that God has promised them. But the international media writes them off as illegal colonists. Pray for fortitude in their mission for these Jews and pray for wisdom as to the best way to fulfill their mission.
<b>Thu 10 Nov</b>	The Israeli gas drilling site in the Mediterranean Sea was recently targeted by a hostile drone. Especially Hezbollah in Lebanon wants to challenge Israel's exploitation of gas at that location. Pray that attacks on this drill site can be prevented.
<b>Fri 11 Nov</b>	Pray that Hezbollah will not declare open war on Israel. Hezbollah keeps threatening to do so. Although Israel knows what needs to be done if Hezbollah starts this war, it would bring an incredible amount of suffering to both parties. Pray that Hezbollah will let go of its hatred against Israel.
<b>Sat 12 Nov</b>	More and more signals point towards normalization between Saudi Arabia and Israel. Pray that this normalization will become reality.
<b>Sun 13 Nov</b>	"This is what the LORD says: 'I will restore the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his dwellings; the city will be rebuilt on her ruins, and the palace will stand in its proper place.'" (Jeremiah 30:18) Give thanks that in our days Jerusalem has been rebuilt into a great city where many Jews live.
<b>Mon 14 Nov</b>	Pray for all Jews who have returned to Israel from Ukraine. Pray that they will feel at home soon. Also pray that they will be able to work through their trauma from the war.
<b>Tue 15 Nov</b>	Just a few months ago the Israeli ambassador to the United Nations (UN) was elected as vice president of the General Assembly. This is notable, as the UN usually has nothing but condemnation for Israel. Give thanks for this extraordinary development and pray that it will be a blessing to Israel.
<b>Wed 16 Nov</b>	Pray for wisdom for government leaders in Israel, for other [Israeli] authorities and everyone who is involved in the growing contacts and developments in the relations with Turkey, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and other Arab Muslim countries. (Proverbs 8:14-16)
<b>Thu 17 Nov</b>	The Russian government has imposed far-reaching restrictions on the work of the Jewish Agency which may lead to the Jewish agency being forced to stop operations [in Russia] completely. Pray that these Russian-imposed restrictions will be lifted and that the Jewish Agency will again be able to help many Jews return to Israel from Russia.
<b>Fri 18 Nov</b>	Pray that Iran will be held back in its quest for nuclear weapons. Pray that this will not only be done by Israel, but by the entire international community.
<b>Sat 19 Nov</b>	Pray for wisdom for the Israeli government to deal with the threat of Iran. Pray that the government will make the right decisions regarding preemptive strikes on Iran. Also pray that they will accurately assess how much support they can count on from the international community.
<b>Sun 20 Nov</b>	"Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,' declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 31:28) Here God promises to watch over His people when they live in the land again. Give thanks for this promise and pray for God's protection over Israel.
<b>Mon 21 Nov</b>	A Christians for Israel training conference will take place from 21-23 November in Bangalore, India. Our regional coordinator for Asia, Wilson Ng, expects many hundreds of pastors. Pray for a blessing over the gatherings and that these pastors will preach the message of God's plan for Israel in their congregations.

<b>Tue 22 Nov</b>	“He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as He promised our ancestors.” (Luke 1:54-55) Give thanks for this wonderful verse from Mary’s song of praise [the Magnificat]. Give thanks for God’s faithfulness to Israel.
<b>Wed 23 Nov</b>	There are plenty of people among the Iranian population who do not want any hostility with Israel because they see the misery it brings. However, the government allows itself to be led purely by hatred towards Israel. Pray that the Iranians who feel differently will be heard more.
<b>Thu 24 Nov</b>	Because Jews from all over the world make Aliyah, many different cultures exist side by side in Israel. On one hand this is enriching and on the other hand it sometimes leads to tensions. Pray that people will be able to get used to one another quickly and that they will be able to live together harmoniously.
<b>Fri 25 Nov</b>	This fall several different branches of Christians for Israel hope to organize trips to Israel again, for example from Austria and from New Zealand. These trips had to be postponed multiple times due to COVID. Pray that the participants of these trips will learn a lot from their visit to the country and that they will encourage the population of Israel by their presence.
<b>Sat 26 Nov</b>	Give thanks for the miracle of the State of Israel’s founding and continued existence. Both the visible and invisible enmity is incredibly fierce. We can see the hand of our heavenly Father in this miracle every day.
<b>Sun 27 Nov</b>	“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.’” (Jeremiah 31:31) This New Covenant became a reality for Israel in Jesus. This New Covenant became a reality in Jesus. We thank the Lord that through Jesus we as gentiles have been engrafted into the olive tree (Romans 11).
<b>Mon 28 Nov</b>	After 1945 Jewish author and camp survivor Abel Herzberg warned, “The heathen is driven back, but he is waiting for his return.” Are we living in the time when this is becoming a reality? Be alert and aware, intercede for the Jewish people.
<b>Tue 29 Nov</b>	“If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.” (Romans 11:17-18) Unfortunately the Church has often ignored this through the years and has put itself above the Jewish people. Pray for forgiveness.
<b>Wed 30 Nov</b>	<b>Day of memorial for Jews who were driven out of Arab countries.</b> Today in Israel all the Jews are remembered who had to flee from Arab countries in 1948, after the outbursts of violence against them. Give thanks that at the time many of these Jews were able to find a safe refuge in Israel. Give thanks that Israel is still a safe haven for Jews fleeing antisemitism.