



“You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship You.” (Nehemiah 9:6)

With the multitudes of heaven is meant the angelic power that is always before God and praises God all the time. Part of this enormous angelic power was visible on earth when Lord Jesus was born. God uses His angels also to protect His people in the ongoing spiritual battle. Pray in the next two months that God and His angels are surrounding His people. The verse from the Book of Nehemiah shows strongly that God is the Almighty one and that everything and everyone depends on Him. Let us pray in this awareness, knowing that God is able to do more than we think possible.

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.’” (Luke 2:13-14)

Shalom,
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

December 2022

Thu 1 Dec	“Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.” Proverbs 4:6. Pray for the Israeli government. Pray that government officials will ask God for wisdom regarding the difficult choices they have to make. Pray that they will choose the right strategy to defend Israel against enemies.
Fri 2 Dec	At the beginning of December recordings are made for a new English online course for young adults: “Modern Israel and the Bible”. In eight modules international lawyer Andrew Tucker and theologian Johannes Gerloff hope to explain modern-day Israel to Christians.
Sat 3 Dec Sabbath	Benjamin Netanyahu has won the victory in the 2022 elections and he will form a new government. Give thanks that there has been a clearer outcome than during the previous elections and pray that the new government will be a blessing for the country.
Sun 4 Dec	Recently Israeli archeologists used a new dating method to date excavations and earth layers. This shows that Biblical historiography is very reliable. Give thanks for this evidence and pray that they will be seen and recognized by people who are skeptical about the reliability of the Bible.
Mon 5 Dec	Research into the functioning of democracies showed that Israel is doing very well globally. Israel is doing even better than e.g. the United States, Spain and Italy. Israel is often accused of being undemocratic, but this investigation shows that it is well within the democracy. Give thanks for this result and pray that there will be recognition for this as well with Israel’s critics.

Tue 6 Dec	Recently Israel has arrested a great number of terrorists. During these arrests there were also people killed. This can count on heavy criticism from other countries, failing to consider Israel's right of self-defense. Pray that Israel's right of self-defense is recognized.
Wed 7 Dec	Many Arab Israelis live together with Jewish Israelis. Give thanks for this and pray that more and more Israeli Arabs will pose as friends of Israel and their Jewish fellow citizens. Also pray that the Jewish Israeli will show goodwill.
Thu 8 Dec	"Some trust in chariots and some trust 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.
Fri 9 Dec	Pray for the protection of Israelis against terrorist attacks. Pray that Palestinians who plan attacks will repent. Pray for the blessing on the work of the Israeli secret services that do everything to prevent attacks.
Sat 10 Dec	"For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring.'" Acts 17:28. Pray that the eyes of Jews who are not religious at this moment, may be opened and that they will see that God is a reality you can't ignore.
Sun 11 Dec	Pray that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) has every ability necessary to defend the country: sufficient man power, sufficient funds and adequate equipment.
Mon 12 Dec	Pray that it will rain a lot in Israel this winter, so that all the nation's water supplies and particularly the Sea of Galilee will be filled again completely.
Tue 13 Dec	Pray for the protection of Israeli soldiers in the areas of Judea and Samaria. There are regular attacks committed on them in the form of shootings or car-ramming attacks. (Psalm 56:2-5)
Wed 14 Dec	Israel has entered into an agreement with Lebanon about a gas field that lies partially in Israeli and partly in Lebanese waters. Because of this gas field there was a lot of tension and also a threat from Hezbollah towards Israel. People hope that the agreement ends the tensions. Pray that this is indeed the case and pray for the protection of Israel against attacks launched from the sea.
Thu 15 Dec	In the last months it was turbulent in the Arab cities and there were a lot of (often fatal) clashes with the Israeli army. This turbulence partially spilled over to the Arab districts in Jerusalem. Arab men threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at the police and a lot of vandalism takes place. Pray that calm will return in Jerusalem.
Fri 16 Dec	Pray for a more balanced attitude in the United Nations and European Union towards Israel. These bodies are still extremely critical of everything Israel does, which results in unjustified condemnations of Israel, particularly in the United Nations.
Sat 17 Dec Sabbath	Herzi Halevi is the new chief of staff of the Israeli army. He replaces Aviv Kohavi, whose term has ended. Pray for a blessing on the work of Herzi Halevi and for wisdom and good leadership of the army. Give thanks for the work of Aviv Kohavi.
Sun 18 Dec Hanukkah	Today is the first day of Hanukkah. Hanukkah is the feast celebrating the re-dedication of the Temple when it came back into Jewish hands again in 164 BC. Pray for blessed holidays for the Jewish people.
Mon 19 Dec Hanukkah	Today Hanukkah symbolizes also the military bravery during the establishment of the State of Israel. Give thanks for the establishment of the State of Israel and God's enduring faithfulness to Israel.
Tue 20 Dec Hanukkah	During Hanukkah every day a candle in the candlestick is lit (the Hanukkah menorah, or hanukkiah) until all candles are lit after eight days. Pray that the Jewish people will become more and more a light in this world.
Wed 21 Dec Hanukkah	Hanukkah is the Jewish festival about the miracle of the bottle of oil that didn't run out. Because of this the candlestick in the Temple could burn for eight days. Also in our days God often provides for what is needed. Give thanks that God is a God of miracles and pause for a moment when you yourself were allowed to experience God's providence.
Thu 22 Dec Hanukkah	In the days of the Maccabees the Temple was in Jewish hands. Currently, at the site of the Temple, the only place where Jews can pray openly is the Western Wall (Kotel). Prayer is prohibited for Jews on the Temple Mount. Pray that the time will come that the Temple Mount is the place where the God of Israel will be worshipped. (Isaiah 56:6-7).
Fri 23 Dec Hanukkah	At Hanukkah children often get presents and they are in for a special treat. Pray for all Jewish children. Pray that they will remain steadfast in their belief in God in a world with increasing

	antisemitism and more and more crumbling belief in God. Pray that they may experience at a young age that God their Father is in heaven.
Sat 24 Dec Hanukkah Christmas Eve Sabbath	“Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for He guards the lives of His faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.” Psalm 97:10. With Hanukkah it is celebrated that the Jewish people were saved from the hands of the ungodly Greeks who defiled the Temple. Pray that God will save Israel again this time at imminent danger from the hands of the adversaries.
Sun 25 Dec Hanukkah Christmas Day	“He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful” Luke 1:54. Pray for the Christians who live in Israel. They celebrate Christmas in the country where Lord Jesus was born as a Jewish boy. Pray that all these Christians, from Arabic to Eastern Orthodox will dwell on the fact that Israel is the country where God has planted the Jewish people. Pray that these Christians will continue to act as a friend of the Jewish state.
Mon 26 Dec Hanukkah	Today is the last day of Hanukkah, also called the Festival of Lights. For Christians Christmas is a feast of light in the darkness as well. Pray that Jews and Christians will unitedly be a light for the world.
Tue 27 Dec	“My dear children, let us not love in word or in talk, but in deed and truth.” 1 John 3:17-18. Give thanks for those who volunteer with organizations such as Adi (care for children with severe multiple disabilities) or Hineni (a humanitarian restaurant in Jerusalem) and for the donations towards these organizations and projects.
Wed 28 Dec	Pray for a blessing over the work of the Jaffa Institute, an Israeli organization that helps needy children. Pray that many children will be able to receive help. Thank God that we can show our love in such a practical way.
Thu 29 Dec	Pray for ex-Muslims who have come to faith in 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.
Fri 30 Dec	“But I will bring Israel back to his own pasture and he will graze on Carmel and Bashan; his appetite will be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and Gilead.” Jeremiah 50:19. The Bible tells here not only that the Jewish people will return, but also to which place they will return. Pray for all Jews who live in these areas. Pray for protection.
Sat 31 Dec New Year's Eve Sabbath	“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17. Give thanks that we have become a new creation through Christ. Pray for strength to break with sins. Pray that churches where replacement theology is still preached will break this habit.

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Sun 1 Jan New Year's Day	“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31. Give thanks for this wonderful promise that God makes to the people of Israel.
Mon 2 Jan	“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12) Pray for wisdom for the coming year; for yourself, for pastors and ministers, for your government and also for the government of Israel. We do not know what this year will bring, but we do know that we can trust in the God Who helps us.
Tue 3 Jan	“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.
Wed 4 Jan	“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.
Thu 5 Jan	Pray for wisdom for the new government to deal well with all the challenges surrounding Judea and Samaria in terms of safety and building of Jewish and Palestinian villages.

Fri 6 Jan	The Arab city of Salfit in Samaria has passed anti-Jewish laws which prohibit to sell products to Jews. When people do this regardless of these laws his or her business will be closed. Pray that this decision is revoked and that initiatives are promoted to enable a peaceful co-existence of Jews and Palestinians.
Sat 7 Jan Sabbath	Pray that in the new year again other Arab countries will be interested to make peace with Israel. Also pray that more countries will move their embassy to Jerusalem. Last year plans for this were put forward by prominent politicians in amongst others Surinam and the United Kingdom. However, they immediately received a lot of criticism. Pray that people will not be led by these criticisms. (Psalm 48:2-3).
Sun 8 Jan	Give thanks for the friendship between Israel and the United States and how the US stands up for Israel in e.g. the assemblies of the United Nations. Also pray that the bond between them will remain good and that the US will stay a loyal ally of Israel.
Mon 9 Jan	There are signs that there are ongoing exploratory talks between Israel and Indonesia and Pakistan about normalizing the relationship. Pray that the right choices will be made in this and that it will lead to more peace and quiet for Israel.
Tue 10 Jan	In Iran discontent with the regime is growing amongst the population because of violations of human rights and oppression. Pray that this will ultimately lead to the resignation of the Iranian government and that there will be a government that doesn't have hatred against Israel.
Wed 11 Jan	"This is what the Lord Almighty says: "See, I will break the bow of Elam, the mainstay of their might." Jeremiah 49:35. Elam is the ancient Persia, present-day Iran. Pray that God will break the spirit of enmity between Iran and Israel.
Thu 12 Jan	Pray for the protection of threats from Hezbollah. Now that Israel has signed an agreement with Lebanon about gas fields in the sea, it is expected that the tension is going to ease somewhat, but this is not certain.
Fri 13 Jan	"Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart." Psalm 119:111. In Judaism the joy about living with God is central. As Christians we can learn a lot about that. Pray that Jews and Christians will serve God unitedly with joy.
Sat 14 Jan Sabbath	Russia is developing an ever-improving relationship with Iran. Russia deployed Iranian suicide drones in Ukraine. Pray that Israel makes the right decisions in shaping the relationship with Russia. Israel has had a good relationship with Russia for a long time, but the relationship is coming under increasing pressure because of the war in Ukraine. In Ezekiel 38:1-5 in addition to Gog and Magog also the ally Persia (Iran) is mentioned as the enemy of Israel.
Sun 15 Jan	Hamas has selected a number of students to undergo cyber war training in Malaysia in order to being able to make better cyberattacks against Israel. Pray that the training will not be successful and that Israel will be able to resist these cyberattacks adequately. Give thanks that Israel is a super power in the area of ensuring cyber security.
Mon 16 Jan	The Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi recently stated remarks in which he denies the Holocaust. Unfortunately he is not the only one. Many of Israel's enemies deny the Holocaust. Pray that these lies will be stopped and the eyes of the Iranian people will be opened for the truth.
Tue 17 Jan	Last year more than 350 reports of anti-Israel actions were reported on campuses in the United States that had a negative impact on Jewish students. Pray that these actions are stopped and that more students will stand up to produce a positive statement about Israel.
Wed 18 Jan	In England a new show will be televised in which art by Adolf Hitler is shown and the public can choose whether it must be destroyed or not. Jewish organizations reacted with anger about this upcoming program, because Adolf Hitler is promoted here as entertainment. Pray that people become more aware of how awful this is for relatives when fun is made of World War II and Hitler.
Thu 19 Jan	Antisemitism originates from Satan, who wants to exterminate God's people. Fighting antisemitism is therefore a spiritual battle. Pray for the protection of the Jewish people against antisemitism and pray for the breaking of these powers of darkness. (Ephesians 6:13-17).
Fri 20 Jan	"Be patient then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming." (James 5:7-8). Let us take this exhortation and encouragement to heart, and realize that we may be expecting Him Who will make all things new, especially in the restless time we live in.
Sat 21 Jan Sabbath	"The Lord is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever." Psalm 28:8-9. Give thanks that God is Israel's strength. Pray this Psalm as a prayer for Israel.

Sun 22 Jan	The Russian department of the Jewish Agency that helps the Jews make aliyah is restricted by the Russian government in her activities. Pray that the Jewish Agency finds ways to help Russian Jews to move to Israel.
Mon 23 Jan	Major events in the world, like Covid-19 and the outbreak of war in Ukraine cause that sometimes more and sometimes less Jews emigrate to Israel. But aliyah never stops all together. Pray that also in the new year, whatever will happen in the world, many Jews will return to their Homeland Israel (Ezekiel 39:27-28).
Tue 24 Jan	Pray that Jews who moved to Israel will be able to get their bearings in the new country. Pray that they manage to integrate, find housing and employment and that the children will settle in quickly as well (Ezekiel 39:25-26).
Wed 25 Jan	Give thanks for Koen Carlier and his team who could help thousands of Jews in 2022 to make aliyah to Israel. Pray that they may receive strength, wisdom and protection for the new year to help a lot of Jews again. Pray for a stop to the war in Ukraine. (Matthew 25:14-23).
Thu 26 Jan	Pray that Christians for Israel (C4I) will reach a lot of people again in the new year with the message of God's everlasting faithfulness to Israel. Pray that it will a blessing for Israel. (Genesis 12:3).
Fri 27 Jan	International Holocaust Remembrance Day. "Record my lament; list my tears on your scroll - are they not in your record?" Psalm 56:8. Pray for all the Jews whose terrible memories will resurface violently again on this day. Pray for God's comfort for them and healing from traumas.
Sat 28 Jan Sabbath	Give thanks that Christians for Israel can publish this prayer calendar in many countries and that thus Christians worldwide pray for Israel together.
Sun 29 Jan	Pray that children and teens in the church will learn about Israel's special position in God's plan. Pray that this will be taught and discussed in Sunday schools, clubs, and youth groups.
Mon 30 Jan	Pray for a blessing on the distribution of articles through C4I's websites in the various languages on the internet. Pray that they will be read by many and that it will inform and inspire Christians to step into the gap for the Jewish people.
Tue 31 Jan	Pray for a blessing on the work of the new contact persons Christians for Israel now has in countries like Ivory Coast, Curaçao, Cuba and Kenia (Genesis 12:3).