



Shalom,

The past few months have been very sad. In this prayer calendar we want to frequently pray from the Psalms for comfort, protection and for calling out to God. Since the situation in Israel is quite unstable when we are writing this, we encourage you to stay up to date with current events in order to know what to pray for on a daily basis. In this prayer calendar we put forward prayer points from the Bible.

Be inspired for your intercession by the words of Ofer Amitay. On the second day of Pentecost 2008 he spoke at a conference about "Praying for Israel". To the amazement of the participants he spoke more about Jesus, about unity, over sanctification, about listening to God and about dedication than about Israel. In the course of that day the participants understood more and more where he was going: genuine intercession results from a relationship rather than from information. The relationship with our heavenly Father and the relationship among ourselves as Christians. The basis of intercession is hunger and thirst for God.

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The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

December 2023

Fri 1 Dec	After the massacre of the Jewish population by Hamas and the subsequent eviction of the Jewish villages near the Gaza Strip by the Israeli army, we pray from the Book of Lamentations. "After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress." Lamentations 1:3. Pray for God's protection over the survivors of the people that were murdered.
Sat 2 Dec Sabbath	"The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals." Lamentations 1:4. There is a cloak of mourning over Israel. Pray for God's comfort and that people may support each other.
Sun 3 Dec	"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed...". Lamentations 3:22a. Give thanks for all who could escape from the violent Hamas militants.
Mon 4 Dec	"How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?" Psalm 13:1. Pray for all Israelis who ask themselves this question and who experience great despair.
Tue 5 Dec	"How long will my enemy triumph over me?" Psalm 13:2c. Pray that the demonic forces that incite Israel's enemies to hatred and destruction are broken. Pray that God's angels will surround Israel to defend her.
Wed 6 Dec	Pray that the love for Israel will grow in your country. Pray that those who support Israel will share their thoughts and feelings about the situation. Pray that those who speak out for Israel will not fear criticism or threats. Pray for churches to speak the truth.

Thu 7 Dec	Pray that the truth will be shared by the media. In many news outlets, the news is not presented objectively. Pray for objective reporting without bias.
Fri 8 Dec Hanukkah	“Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning.” Exodus 27:20. Pray that it will be days of light in the darkness.
Sat 9 Dec Hanukkah Sabbath	“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” John 17:17. Hunger for God and His Word makes us one. That is the deeper meaning of John 17. Pray for unity between Jews and Christians and unity amongst Christians to stand by Israel.
Sun 10 Dec Hanukkah	“Be careful {...} Be always on the watch...” Luke 21:34-36. Pray for vigilance inside the Church to not go along with the lies of the world, but to stay close to God’s Word and to live from within.
Mon 11 Dec Hanukkah	“Be merciful to me, my God, for my enemies are in hot pursuit; all day long they press their attack. When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” (Psalm 56:1-2). Israel’s enemies leave no moment unused to fight Israel. Pray that the Israeli army can eliminate Hamas even though if it seems humanly impossible.
Tue 12 Dec Hanukkah	“In God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Psalm 56:4. Give thanks that God is infinitely more powerful than humans who are out for Israel’s blood. Pray that Jews in Israel and worldwide experience this as well.
Wed 13 Dec Hanukkah	Pray for the Israeli government. Pray for wisdom and pray that they turn to God for advice. Pray for endurance so that they can continue to do their work, now that so much is expected of them and they are under great pressure.
Thu 14 Dec Hanukkah	Pray for all the children in Israel whose life has changed radically in the past period. They couldn’t attend school for some time and they will have felt the threat and still continue to do so. Pray for God’s compassion for them.
Fri 15 Dec Hanukkah	“Record my misery; list my tears on your scroll—are they not in your record?” Psalm 56:8. Many Israelis were evacuated recently to safer areas of the country. Pray for inner peace for all of them whose life has changed so radically.
Sat 16 Dec Sabbath	Dwell on seven points today and tomorrow that can help to let your prayer life grow. Today: <i>Confess</i> – express who God is. <i>Supplicate</i> : simply make your request known. <i>Worship</i> – enjoy heavenly beauty.
Sun 17 Dec	<i>Trust</i> – love Jesus wholeheartedly. <i>Intercession</i> – feel the pain and the struggle. <i>Gratitude</i> – share in the victory. <i>Praise</i> – let the Holy Spirit speak.
Mon 18 Dec	“O God, do not remain silent; do not turn a deaf ear, do not stand aloof, O God. See how your enemies growl, how your foes rear their heads. With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish.” Psalm 83:1-2. Pray for God’s intervention when the enemies of His people Israel are ranting and raving.
Tue 19 Dec	“With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. ‘Come,’ they say, ‘let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel’s name is remembered no more.’” Psalm 83:3-4. Pray that the dark and secret plans of Israel’s enemies become visible, so that the enemy can be stopped timely.
Wed 20 Dec	When Hamas’ terror attack had just happened, countries sided massively with Israel. From the moment on when Israel began its defence this support soon melted away. Pray that Israel will not stand alone, but that there always will be countries and groups that will stand with Israel.
Thu 21 Dec	Pray for God’s mercy for everyone who was kept hostage. Should there still be people being detained at this moment, pray for their release. And pray for the inner and physical healing of all (ex-)hostages.
Fri 22 Dec	“With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you.” Psalm 83:5. Israel’s enemies conspire to fight against Israel and therefore against the God of Israel. Pray for conversion of Israel’s enemies. Pray that they just like one of the sons of a Hamas founder may come to conversion in Lord Jesus.
Sat 23 Dec Sabbath	“Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores His people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!” Psalm 53:6. Pray this verse as a prayer for Israel.
Sun 24 Dec Christmas Eve	“My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught because of what my enemy is saying.” Psalm 55:2b-3a. Israel’s enemies are literally ranting cries of death and destruction and call the name of their

	god before they start to murder. Pray that this ranting will fade away and that God will break this evil.
Mon 25 Dec Christmas Day	“His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation.” Luke 1:50. Give thanks for God’s mercy for His people. Give thanks that He sent Messiah for the people of Israel and for us as gentiles.
Tue 26 Dec	“He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful.” Luke 1:54, also read verse 55. Give thanks that God stands up for Israel and that He doesn’t let go of His people.
Wed 27 Dec	Because of the war aliyah is greatly reduced. Pray that aliyah will increase rapidly. Also pray for all Jews who moved to Israel just before the war broke out. Pray for strength for them and that they soon gain a good network around them.
Thu 28 Dec	Pray for Jews worldwide who are confronted with increasing antisemitism because of the war. Pray that God and His angels will guard over His people in the Diaspora.
Fri 29 Dec	Despite of the enormous tensions between Jews and Palestinians at this moment, there are still numerous Palestinians who want to co-operate with Jews in peace and practice this as well. Pray for a blessing for these good mutual relationships and pray that more good relationships may arise between Jews and Palestinians.
Sat 30 Dec Sabbath	Pray for strength and protection for the Israeli army. Many soldiers who are now serving in the army are very young. However, they have to make decisive choices and risk their lives. Pray that they will persevere and experience God’s help.
Sun 31 Dec New Year’s Eve	At the beginning of the war the United States of America rose as a true ally of Israel. Pray that this will be the case permanently and that the alliance will become stronger.

January 2024

Mon 1 Jan New Year’s Day	“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2. The God who is the Creator of everything, is also the God of Israel. Give thanks for this and pray that Israel will constantly expect God’s help.
Tue 2 Jan	“The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.”: Psalm 121:5-6. Pray for Israel’s protection, particularly during the night. Pray that God is like a pillar of fire above His people and lights up the path of all who have to guard during the night.
Wed 3 Jan	Pray for Israel’s protection at the northern borders. Pray that all evil schemes by Hezbollah will fail. Pray that conspiracies and schemes by Hezbollah will be discovered timely.
Thu 4 Jan	Israel’s economy has suffered a tremendous blow because of the war. Pray that the economy will recover soon and that the consequences will be limited.
Fri 5 Jan	“The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.” Psalm 121:7-8. God’s eyes are constantly upon His people. He sees them on all paths they go. Give thanks for this miracle of God’s presence and pray for Israel’s protection.
Sat 6 Jan Sabbath	“Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.” Mark 13:3. Pray that the Church is watchful about the coming of Messiah. Pray that Messiah will soon come to establish His kingdom of peace.
Sun 7 Jan	“Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.” Daniel 9:19. Give thanks to the Lord that He has committed His name to His city and His people.
Mon 8 Jan	“Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.” Psalm 130:1-2. Maybe there are Israelis who cried out to God for the first time. Pray that they understood God’s voice and continue to search for God.
Tue 9 Jan	“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.” Psalm 130:5. We may plead with God for promises from His Word. In God’s Word it says that Israel is the apple of God’s eye. Pray that God protects Israel like the apple of His eye.

Wed 10 Jan	"Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption." Psalm 130:7. Pray that Israel will put its hope in God and that more and more people will start praying. It is, after all a spiritual battle that rages.
Thu 11 Jan	The missiles fired at Israel, are becoming more advanced technologically and more extended in range. Pray that the Iron Dome system (Israel's missile defense system) is capable to down the advanced missiles as well or that new methods are found to achieve this.
Fri 12 Jan	Syria soon became involved in the war and enemy targets in Syria were bombed by Israel. Pray that the war will not get out of hand regionally.
Sat 13 Jan Sabbath	"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10. Pray the "Our Father" today.
Sun 14 Jan	"Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God." Psalm 50:7. Pray that God will soften Israel's heart for hearing His voice.
Mon 15 Jan	"Rescue me, Lord, from evildoers; protect me from the violent..." Psalm 140:1. Also read verse 2 and 3. The Hebrew word for "violence" that is used here is "Hamasim" (derived from the word Hamas). Pray for Israel's protection against all violent men, from Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and other terrorist groups.
Tue 16 Jan	"The arrogant have hidden a snare for me; they have spread out the cords of their net and have set traps for me along my path." Psalm 140:5. Pray for safety for Israelis on the road and particularly for Israeli soldiers on mission. Pray that God's angels will keep them safe on all their ways.
Wed 17 Jan	Because of the war the tensions between Jews and Palestinians have increased a lot in Judea and Samaria. Pray for the safety of the Jewish villages in Judea and Samaria.
Thu 18 Jan	Pray for the people in Gaza who innocently ended up in the ware. Pray for their protection in the middle of the violence.
Fri 19 Jan	"Sovereign Lord, my strong deliverer, you shield my head in the day of battle." Psalm 140:7. A lot of danger for Israel comes from above, like the barrage of missiles and the terrorists with paragliders. Pray that God will protect the Jewish people under His wings.
Sat 20 Jan Sabbath	"They will say, "As one plows and breaks up the earth, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the grave." Psalm 141:7. The horrors the aid workers and the army encountered at the kibbutzim where the terrorists raged, were beyond imagination. Pray for all who have these terrible images in their minds. Pray that they may recover from their trauma.
Sun 21 Jan	"The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel." Psalm 147:2. Despite the war, Jews worldwide still consider their aliyah to Israel because they are suffering a lot of antisemitism in their own countries. Pray that these people have the opportunity to move to Israel and pray for their protection.
Mon 22 Jan	"Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life." Psalm 142:4. Jews outside Israel feel more and more unsafe since the war and the number of antisemitic incidents is increasing. Pray that the governments take the necessary measures to protect the Jews so that they know that they are not left in the lurch.
Tue 23 Jan	During the Israeli ground mission in Gaza, soldiers have died, quite often young people in the prime of their lives. Pray for comfort of the loved ones of these soldiers who gave their lives for the protection of the Land.
Wed 24 Jan	Pray for the protection of Israel from attacks via the sea. Divers from Hamas were caught when they tried to enter Israeli territory and carry out an attack.
Thu 25 Jan Tu Bishvat	New Year of the Trees. Normally on this New Year of the Trees many new trees are planted. If this is still happening, we don't know. Pray that cities and villages that are partially destroyed, can be rebuilt and that nature will recover.
Fri 26 Jan	"Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name." Psalm 142:7a. Pray that Israel may experience God's miraculous rescues and that they will induce people to glorify God's name.
Sat 27 Jan Sabbath International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Today the unspeakable suffering of the Holocaust is commemorated. Pray for consolation of the bereaved families of all who were killed in the Holocaust and all Holocaust survivors.

Sun 28 Jan	“The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in the darkness like those long dead.” Psalm 143:3. Pray for all Israelis who are in the grip of extreme fear. Pray for the liberation of this fear and for new hope.
Mon 29 Jan	Pray for the protection of the commandos active in the Gaza Strip and other areas where Israel’s enemies are active. They mingle among the local population and try to collect intelligence. Pray that they discover conspiracies and are not discovered themselves.
Tue 30 Jan	Pray that Iran’s hostility regarding Israel will be broken. Iran has committed awful crimes in Israel through Hamas and Hezbollah. Pray that their acts of death and destruction and their pursuit of an atomic bomb will be stopped.
Wed 31 Jan	Pray that Arab Christians may spread light in these dark times.