

"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent." (Psalm 91:11-13)

Israel has been struck by a hurricane of hate over the past few months. First the horrifying attack on October 7th, followed by fury from much of the world over Israel's self-defense. At anti-Israel demonstrations you can hear the worst chants about Israel. Everything points to an enormous spiritual battle raging around Israel. Because of this we are starting this prayer calendar with Bible verses about spiritual warfare. Psalm 91 is a good example. The lion and the serpent in Psalm 91 represent evil and the devil. Jesus refers to this psalm when He gives His disciples authority to trample snakes and scorpions in Luke 10:19. He promises that they will not be able to harm them. These words of Jesus, which show His great authority, form our starting point as we continue to pray for Israel over the coming weeks and months.

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## February 2024

Thu 1 Feb	"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12) Pray that God's angels will fight for Israel in the heavenly realms.
Fri 2 Feb	"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." (Ephesians 6:13) There are many testimonies of soldiers who prayed before they began the military actions in Gaza and who experiences God's rescue. Give thanks for this and pray that those who defend Israel will not only wear their physical armor but their spiritual armor as well.
Sat 3 Feb Sabbath	"'No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication form me,' declares the LORD." (Isaiah 54:17) Pray that every weapon that is used against Israel will be ineffective.
Sun 4 Feb	"For no word from God will ever fail." (Luke 1:37) When we look at Israel from a worldly point of view the situation can seem hopeless but we have the opportunity to see Israel from a spiritual point of view. Nothing is impossible with God and He always has the solution. Give thanks for this.
Mon 5 Feb	"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8) Even Israel, or maybe especially Israel, is targeted by the devil as he prowls around and attacks like a roaring lion. Pray that Israelis will trust in God and that God will help and protect them.
Tue 6 Feb	"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." (2 Corinthians 10:3-4) Pray that God will use us as Christians in the spiritual battle for Israel. Pray for wisdom as we tell others about Israel and that more and more Christians will pray for Israel.

Wed 7 Feb	"So he said to me, 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty. 'What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground.'" (Zechariah 4:6-7a) Although God can use earthly means to protect Israel, He is not dependent on them. Give thanks for the greatness of God and give thanks for the promise that there will come a time when there will be peace over the whole earth.
Thu 8 Feb	"He said, 'Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the LORD, the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation." (Exodus 17:16) In the Bible Amalek represents the enemy of Israel who allows itself to be led by demonic hate. Pray that the spirit of Amalek will be broken.
Fri 9 Feb	Since there is still the threat of danger on all of Israel's borders, it is essential that the Israeli troops are correctly distributed around the country. Pray that army leadership will make the right decisions in this.
Sat 10 Feb Sabbath	Houthi rebels from Yemen have been attacking many ships on the Red Sea that were on their way to Israel. The United States and others have now made a plan to protect these ships. Pray that the plan will be successful and that the rebels will no longer be able to carry out their attacks.
Sun 11 Feb	Israel is considering undertaking its own military action against the Houthis' if the attacks continue and the threat to Israeli ships and the coastal city of Eilat increases. Pray for wisdom for the Israeli army's leadership in these matters.
Mon 12 Feb	Hezbollah still has tens of thousands of rockets ready to fire at Israel from the Israeli-Lebanese border. At the time of publication it has not yet come to a full-scale escalation on the northern border. Pray that God will command His angels to protect Israel at this border.
Tue 13 Feb	"The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven." (Deuteronomy 28:7) Pray that the military operation in Gaza will have a lasting impact and that Israel's enemies will flee from Israel.
Wed 14 Feb	Multiple soldiers have fallen to friendly fire in Gaza. This has a huge impact on the soldiers who fired. Pray that these soldiers will find a way to move forward and that they will receive quality support in this.
Thu 15 Feb	Pray for the prevention of deadly accidents within the Israeli army due to friendly fire or other incidents. Soldiers are operating under enormous pressure, which may make them more susceptible to mistakes. Pray that the soldiers will be able to maintain calm and focus.
Fri 16 Feb	Dozens of tunnels have been discovered and destroyed in Gaza. Give thanks for this and pray that the tunnels will never be re-dug.
Sat 17 Feb Sabbath	Pray for the innocent people in Gaza who are stuck in the middle of the war and whose living situation is unhealthy and dangerous. Pray that aid will reach these people and pray that Hamas will stop using its own citizens as human shields.
Sun 18 Feb	Many Hamas terrorists have been killed or captured in Gaza. These prisoners are being questioned by Israeli security services and important information is coming forward in these interrogations. Pray for wisdom for the security services to accurately calculate the importance of everything they hear.
Mon 19 Feb	Pray that Israel will succeed in eliminating the leaders of Hamas and other terrorist organizations. Give thanks that a number of these leaders have already been eliminated and pray that the elimination of their leaders will cause the terrorist organizations to collapse.
Tue 20 Feb	At the time of publication there are still Israelis being held captive in Gaza. Pray for the hostages, whether they are still in captivity or have been set free and are dealing with their trauma.
Wed 21 Feb	Pray for wisdom for the Israeli (military) government in this incredibly complex situation. Pray that God will give them insight to make the right decisions. Also pray that government leaders will look to God for aid.
Thu 22 Feb	During the war the tension in Arab cities in Judea and Samaria has increased significantly. Many Hamas terrorists have been arrested, and the arrests were frequently met with firefights. Pray for calm in the Arab cities and pray that Palestinians will not choose to associate themselves with Hamas or any other terrorist organizations.
Fri 23 Feb	Although the incidents are not frequent, there have also been residents of Jewish towns attacking Palestinians. These people are arrested and brought to trial, and the attacks are absolutely not supported by Israel. Pray that these attacks will no longer take place and that people will not take the law into their own hands.

Sat 24 Feb Sabbath	Despite the war, the Aliyah continues. More and more Jews outside of Israel feel increasingly unsafe. This can be the final reason to take the step of moving to Israel. Give thanks that the Aliyah is continuing and pray that there will not be many obstacles to complete to move.
Sun 25 Feb	Also pray for people who have just made Aliyah, that they will be able to make a home in Israel despite the war. Pray that they will experience the sense of connection that is so strong in Israel at the moment.
Mon 26 Feb	The war has the effect of increased unity and connection among the Israeli population. Together, people help the Israeli soldiers by providing them with food and clothing. People are also pitching in to do the work left behind by the men who have been called into active duty in the army.
Tue 27 Feb	Many Israelis face daily air raid alarms. This causes enormous stress. Prolonged exposure to this kind of stress can have a huge psychological impact. Pray that God will give all of these people peace in their bodies and hearts.
Wed 28 Feb	There are still evacuees from southern and northern towns living in the center of the country in hotels and other facilities. Pray that that this will continue to go well and for sufficient means to care for everyone.
Thu 29 Feb	Pray for good plans to be in place for the moment that Hamas is overthrown to the point that there will be space for a new government in the Gaza Strip. Pray for a new government that will seek peace with Israel.

## **March 2024**

Fri 1 March	"He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor
	your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." (Deuteronomy 8:3) Pray that in these times of war and crisis Israel will hold fast to the promises made to them in the Bible.
Sat 2 March	In the time leading up to October 7th the Israeli government and security services missed signs that
Sabbath	an attack was coming. Pray that lessons can be learned from this and for early recognition of warning signs in the future.
Sun 3 March	"But the LORD is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one" 2
	Thessalonians 3:3. Pray for the Arab-Israeli pastors Rev. Naim Khoury and Rev. Saleem Shalash in Bethlehem and Nazareth. Both pastors are pro-Israel, but in most cases this does not make them popular with their Arab countrymen. Pray for protection for these pastors and a blessing over their
	congregations.
Mon 4 March	Iran played an important role in the preparations for the October 7th attacks. Iran is still supporting
	Hamas and Hezbollah with weapons and money. Pray that Iran's anti-Israel hatred will be broken.
Tue 5 March	Pray that any new plans Iran has to attack Israel through other groups of by the development of a nuclear weapon will fail.
Wed 6 March	The United Nations under the leadership of UN Secretary General Guterres has made countless
	resolutions against Israel's actions in Gaza. Thankfully resolutions of the United Nations General
	Assembly are not binding, but Israel is bearing the brunt of the constant stream of criticism. Pray
	that every time Israel comes under fire in the United Nations there will be countries who stand up
Thu 7 March	for and support Israel.  The United States has positioned itself as an ally to Israel over the past several months and plays an
	important role in the war by providing financial support and sending weapons. Pray that the United
	States will continue to be a good ally to Israel and that the national sentiment will not change.
Fri 8 March	Stories regularly come out of so-called 'collaborators' in Iran and in the Palestinian territories who
	were executed because they supposedly worked together with Israel. Whether these people
	actually helped Israel is not always verifiable. Pray for protection for all spies and other helpers of
	Israel in other countries.
Sat 9 March Sabbath	Since the war broke out there has been an alarming increase in the number antisemitic incidents
Sabbath	[around the world]. Jews are being physically attacked but also face an incredible amount of hatred
C 10 M	spewed online. Pray for the protection of Jews outside of Israel from antisemitism.
Sun 10 March	Pray that any terrorists who are planning an attack on a synagogue or other Jewish building will be stopped in time.
Mon 11 March	There have been many false bombs threats to synagogues recently, especially in the United States.
	This continuously causes high levels of fear within the Jewish community. Pray that the spreading of fear will stop and that those make the threats will be apprehended.

Tue 12 March	More and more public figures in western nations, such as famous authors and influential figures in media can be heard comparing Israel's operation in Gaza with the actions of Nazi Germany. Pray that they will take back these terrible comparisons and pray that these lies will not take root in peoples' hearts.
Wed 13 March	Pray for physical and mental recovery for the hostages who have been set free. Pray that they will receive all the support they need in processing what has happened.
Thu 14 March	Pray for comfort for all those who lost one or more family members or friends on October 7th. Pray that they may experience God's presence with them in the deep pits of grief.
Fri 15 March	Pray for physical recovery for the hundreds of members of the military who were wounded during the attack on October 7th. Give thanks for Israel's excellent healthcare and pray for miraculous recoveries.
Sat 16 March Sabbath	Many homes and roads have been destroyed by Hamas' countless rocket attacks. Pray for speedy and successful reconstruction.
Sun 17 March	The attack on October 7th caused a collective trauma in Israel. Many lost their sense of safety. Pray that Israelis will regain their belief in the possibility of a safe existence in Israel and that this belief will be justified.
Mon 18 March	The economy has suffered due to the war as well. Many men were called to duty as reserves, leaving their regular work undone. Pray that the economy will recover quickly and that the damages will be limited.
Tue 19 March	Give thanks for all of the people who have come from other countries to work in Israel and keep the country running. Many of them are volunteers. Pray that the help from these foreigners will continue and that more people will feel inspired to go help.
Wed 20 March	Friendships that existed between Israelis and Arabs in Israel have come under pressure due to the war. Pray for the healing of ties between Israelis and Palestinians who never wanted these attacks and just want to live and work in Israel in peace.
Thu 21 March	Horrifying reports have come out about sexual violence committed by Hamas fighters. Pray for healing from the deep traumas this has caused to the survivors and witnesses of the assaults.
Fri 22 March	After October 7th people have been wounded by rockets fired from Gaza and Lebanon. Pray for a speedy recovery for all the wounded and pray for a blessing for all healthcare workers.
Sat 23 March Sabbath	The number of people committing suicide in Israel has risen. Pray for solutions for those who feel hopeless and depressed. Pray that the people around them will be able to provide comfort and that God will shine His light over them.
Sun 24 March Purim	On this day of Purim, the holiday centered on the Jewish people being rescued from the evil Haman. Pray that Israel will experience God's rescue from the hand of their enemy once again.
Mon 25 March	"I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul." (Jeremiah 32:41) Give thanks for this promise from Jeremiah. Give thanks that God will never let go of Israel.
Tue 26 March	Pray for the work of Christians for Israel today, for the sharing of information [about Israel] through newspapers and websites, books and DVDs in many countries. Pray that hearts will be touched by this information and that love for Israel and the Bible will grow.
Wed 27 March	Pray that in each of the 40 countries where Christians for Israel has a branch or representative, the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those who hear about Israel's role in the world. The United Nations is a battle ground, but so are people's hearts.
Thu 28 March	Give thanks for the work Koen and Ira Carlier are doing together with their team for Holocaust survivors. There is much poverty among these people and great sadness over the war that is still raging in Ukraine.
Fri 29 March Good Friday	"For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished." (Isaiah 53:8b) Give thanks that Jesus gave His life for His own people and for the sins of all people in this world.
Sat 30 March Sabbath	Pray for a blessing over the activities that Christians for Israel is organizing in the coming months, such as speaking engagements and the rallies Give thanks that we can organize these events.
Sun 31 March Easter Day	"After that He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep." (1 Corinthians 15:6) Give thanks that Jesus has defeated death and pray that Jesus will reveal Himself to His whole nation soon, as Joseph revealed himself to his brothers.