



When the LORD God blessed Abraham He gave him this promise, "You descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies." (Genesis 22:17) When Rebekah left her homeland to become Isaac's wife, her family blessed her with the same promise, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies." (Genesis 24:60)

This promise, that Abraham's and Rebekah's descendants would conquer their enemies, is repeated in different wording by Balaam, Esther, David, Isaiah, Joel and Zachariah among others.

Finally we see this same promise repeated in the moving words of the song *Vehi Sheamda*:

*"And it is this promise that has stood by our ancestors and for us.
For not only one (enemy) has risen up against us to destroy us,
but in every generation they rise up to destroy us.
But the Holy One, Blessed be He, delivers us from their hands."*

Yes, there are still enemies who want to destroy the Jewish people. But above all stands the God of Israel, confirming His promises again in our time. Together with the Jewish people, we thank Him for the State of Israel's 75th anniversary!

May the LORD bless you as you pray for Israel.

The Prayer team of Christians for Israel International

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Tue 1 Aug	Wildfires are breaking out in Israel due to drought and high temperatures. Pray that the fires will be discovered quickly and easily extinguished.
Wed 2 Aug	In late June, Rev. Cornelis Kant and Andrew Tucker of Christians for Israel International (C4I) spoke at a three-day symposium in Norway. The symposium was hosted by the Christian newspaper, 'Norge Idag' which shares positive news about Israel on a weekly basis. Give thanks for 'Norge Idag' and pray for a blessing over their work; that more and more Christians in Norway will grow to love Israel.
Thu 3 Aug	Violent crime is on the rise in Arab cities in Israel, resulting in more deaths and injuries. The Israeli government is working together with Arab members of parliament to address this problem. Pray for peace and quiet in the Arab cities and wisdom for the government.
Fri 4 Aug	An Israeli man whose wife was killed by a Gazan rocket passed away only a month after she did. Heartbreak likely contributed to the husband's death. Pray for this couple's friends and family and for all those who have lost a spouse to terrorist attacks. Pray for comfort and strength.

Sat 5 Aug Sabbath	Balak, the king of Moab, ordered Balaam to curse the people of Israel but instead Balaam blessed Israel in the name of the Lord God. "I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot change it. He has not seen any misfortune in Jacob, nor observed misery in Israel." (Numbers 23:20-21) Give thanks that the promises from Genesis can be seen again here as curses become powerless, the enemy of the Jewish people fails and God rules.
Sun 6 Aug	The Israeli Parliament has approved a national budget for the next two years. This means that the risk of new elections due to a toppled government has been averted for now. Give thanks for this and pray for wisdom and unity within the Israeli government. Pray that lawmakers will always put the national interest ahead of their own personal interests.
Mon 7 Aug	The government's discussions on supreme court reforms continue. Massive demonstrations spun out of control Pray for wisdom for the government. Pray that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob may have mercy on His land and people.
Tue 8 Aug	An Arab newspaper has conducted a survey among Palestinians on the Palestinian leadership and on peace with Israel. According to the results of the survey 75% of those who responded do not believe in their own leaders. Pray for a movement among Palestinians that will put new leaders in power who will actually seek peace with Israel.
Wed 9 Aug	Pray for protection for Arab Christians who openly support Israel such as Rev. Naim Khoury from Bethlehem and Rev. Saleem Shalash from Nazareth and their wives. Give thanks for their courage and pray that they may inspire those around them to stand publicly as friends of Israel.
Thu 10 Aug	More and more terrorists are settling in the Arab city of Jenin. The Palestinian Authority no longer has the city under control. When Israel arrests terrorists in the city, the Israeli army falls under heavy fire. Pray for wisdom for the Israeli government in how they deal with this problem and pray that the terrorism in Jenin will come to an end.
Fri 11 Aug	The Israeli government plans to give permission for the construction of roughly six thousand homes in Judea and Samaria. The United States is not happy about this, because it believes this will form an obstacle to the two-state solution. Pray that Israel will have the wisdom to weigh the interests accurately and not cave under pressure.
Sat 12 Aug Sabbath	Through Esther's brave actions the plans of the enemy were turned upside down, just like in the story of Balaam. "On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them." (Esther 9:1b) Pray that God will intervene again in our time; that brave men and women will stand and show the Jewish people the right path.
Sun 13 Aug	Members of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), a terrorist group from the Gaza Strip, recently visited Iran. Iran encouraged them in their fight against Israel and promised them large sums of money to support armed conflict. Pray that Iran and the PIJ will be unsuccessful in their fight against Israel.
Mon 14 Aug	To pray for Jerusalem is to take Bible verses about Jerusalem to heart. 'If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you...' (Psalm 137:5-6a).'
Tue 15 Aug	"The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray." (1 Peter 4:7) Israel plays an important role in the end times and this will become increasingly evident. Name Israel in your prayers daily for this reason. Pray for God's protection of His people and that He will fulfill His plan for Israel.
Wed 16 Aug	Early this summer things got out of hand during protests by the Druze community against the construction of a wind farm on the Golan Heights. This resulted in injuries on both the Druze side and on the side of the police. Pray that relations will remain good between Israelis and the Druze. In general contacts are good, although the younger generation of Druze are increasingly influenced by Arab anti-Israel propaganda.
Thu 17 Aug	Rev. Glashouer will be speaking on God's faithfulness to Israel in various churches in Thailand from the 17 th - 29 th of August. Give thanks for this opportunity and pray for open hearts.
Fri 18 Aug	The Israeli minister of national security is looking at options to increase the number of citizens allowed to carry a weapon. Pray for wisdom for the minister and that this will only be implemented if it actually contributes to the safety of Israeli citizens.
Sat 19 Aug Sabbath	David was not faultless but he was a man after God's heart, who prayed both for himself and for the Jewish people. "Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will know that God

	is for me.” (Psalm 56:9) How wonderful that as intercessors we can steadfastly stand in the breach for Israel. Pray that Israel’s enemies will turn back.
Sun 20 Aug	Prime Minister Netanyahu has set up a ministerial committee that will focus specifically on lowering the daily cost of living. Inflation is rising quickly in Israel and more and more people are living in poverty. Pray that the government will be able to effectively tackle the problem and pray for a blessing over the organizations that support those who face poverty.
Mon 21 Aug	Weapons and ammunition are being stolen from Israeli army bases. These weapons are then often used for criminal activity. Pray that the army will be able to prevent these thefts.
Tue 22 Aug	In the ‘Our Father’ prayer one of the things we pray is, “Deliver us from the evil one.” (Matthew 6:13b) Praying for Israel means standing against the plans the evil one has regarding God’s people. That is why we should not just pray for Israel but also for ourselves as intercessors, for God’s protection from the evil one.
Wed 23 Aug	ADI is an organization in Israel that cares for children with multiple serious handicaps, both cognitive and physical. Give thanks that so many children are able to receive help via this organization and pray for sufficient financial means to maintain and where necessary expand ADI’s work.
Thu 24 Aug	Israel faces an extreme shortage of doctors. The primary reasons are that approximately half of the doctors are approaching retirement age and that many doctors are moving to America and Europe where they are offered better conditions on their contracts. Pray that Israel will be able to maintain a high standard of care and that there will be enough healthcare workers.
Fri 25 Aug	The Israeli army (IDF) predicts that in the case of a war the role of electronic warfare will increase. If electronic systems were taken down [by the enemy] it would have an enormous impact. Give thanks that the Israeli army is alert to this threat and pray that Israel will be prepared against such attacks.
Sat 26 Aug Sabbath	The prophet Isaiah says about the Aliyah (the return of Jews to Israel), “Your children hasten back, and those who laid you waste depart from you.” (Isaiah 49:17) Give thanks for the return of the Jewish people to the land of the Jews! There is enough room for those who want to live in Israel together with the Jews in peace, but hostility will certainly be met with the might of the Protector of Israel.
Sun 27 Aug	In early June a number of Palestinians waved Hamas flags on the Temple Mount after morning prayers. They also hung up photos of terrorists. There is often unrest on the Temple Mount. Pray that the time will come quickly when peace reigns on the Temple Mount and Jews can pray there freely.
Mon 28 Aug	“If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing right.” (James 2:8) Pray that we as Christians around the world will love our Jewish neighbors as we love ourselves. Pray that Christians will not see the splinter in Israel’s eye while ignoring their own beam.
Tue 29 Aug	Iran has produced a rocket that can travel a distance of 2000 kilometers, making it capable of reaching Israel. Pray that this rocket will never reach its target and that Iran will be stopped in its fight against Israel.
Wed 30 Aug	The chances of a normalization agreement between Israel and Saudi Arabia are becoming ever slimmer. This is partially because Saudi Arabia has made overtures towards Iran. Pray that the ties between Saudi Arabia and Iran will be broken and that Saudi Arabia will position itself more as an ally to Israel.
Thu 31 Aug	To mark the 75 th anniversary of the State of Israel, Austria has confirmed the good relations between the two countries with a visit to Israel by the Austrian federal minister for the EU and Constitution. During her visit, the minister emphasized Austria’s support for the Jewish and democratic State of Israel. Give thanks for these strong ties and pray that more European countries will clearly position themselves as Israel’s allies.

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Fri 1 Sep	An agricultural organization with ties to the PFLP (which Israel regards as a terrorist organization) runs an international exchange program for Palestinian students in collaboration with France and the United Kingdom. Pray that European cooperation with organizations like this will end and that they will give a platform to messages of terror and hate.
Sat 2 Sep Sabbath	The prophet Joel writes that after the blowing of the trumpet in Zion and the declaration of a time of fasting, "The LORD was jealous for His land and took pity on His people." (Joel 2:18) We can see this pattern throughout the whole Tenach. Give thanks for God's mercy and grace. Pray that the Jewish people will continue to see that when they humble themselves before the Lord God, He will fight for them.
Sun 3 Sep	The United Nations Commission of Inquiry has published yet another report accusing Israel of actively obstructing civil organizations such as NGO's and human rights defenders. Again and again the UN publishes reports that accuse Israel of various crimes without presenting solid evidence to support these accusations. Pray that Israel will not experience any negative effects of the libel in these reports.
Mon 4 Sep	"Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19) In many traditional churches, congregations sing psalms every Sunday. Singing psalms links us to Israel. Give thanks for these beautiful songs in the Bible and pray that Christians be aware of the connection we have with Israel as these psalms are sung or read.
Tue 5 Sep	Pray for wisdom for all Israeli diplomats working in various countries and institutions (such as the United Nations). Pray that they will represent Israel well.
Wed 6 Sep	Hezbollah troops have held large-scale exercises on the Israeli-Lebanese border. Israeli analysts predict that in the event of a war with Israel, Hezbollah will attempt to occupy Israeli towns and take the local residents hostage. Pray that it will not come to an all-out war and pray for God's protection against any threat from Lebanon.
Thu 7 Sep	Some Lebanese civilians recently attacked Israeli soldiers near the border. The unrest and incidents on the Lebanese border are increasing. Pray that God's angels will keep watch around Israel.
Fri 8 Sep	Generally, things are fairly quiet on the border between Israel and Egypt. The peace was harshly disturbed this spring however, when one of the Egyptian border guards committed a deadly attack on the Israeli soldiers that were stationed at the border. Pray quiet will return to the border and that Israel and Egypt will continue to live together in peace.
Sat 9 Sep Sabbath	The Lord God's relationship to His people is very clear, "...for whoever touches you touches the apple of His eye." (Zechariah 2:8) Let us pray for a deeper understanding among the nations and in churches that even though we cannot always understand all the biblical prophecies and how current events all fit in, fighting against the Jewish people means fighting against God.
Sun 10 Sep	This summer terrorists fired the first rocket from the Arab city of Jenin in the Biblical Heartland. This is the first time in over ten years that a rocket was fired in the territory of Judea and Samaria. Pray that no more will follow.
Mon 11 Sep	Pray for protection for the border cities of Sderot and Ashkelon in the south of Israel. When rockets are fired from Gaza these are often the first cities hit.
Tue 12 Sep	Growing anti-Semitism around the world, expressed as anti-Zionism, is a continuing matter of concern. Pray that the Lord God will defeat this power and show Himself all-powerful.
Wed 13 Sep	Mass protests broke out in France this summer after a police officer shot and killed a young man. During these protests a large Holocaust monument was also soiled and damaged. Pray that the demonstrators' anger will not turn against the Jews.
Thu 14 Sep	A report by a Berlin watchdog organization shows a rise in the number of violent antisemitic incidents in Germany. German authorities have discovered that some of the attacks were carried out by people with links to Iran. Pray for protection for Jews in Germany and pray that antisemitic attacks will be prevented.
Fri 15 Sep	A South African politician has suggested closing a Jewish school in Cape Town because many of its graduates go on to make Aliyah and serve in the Israeli army. Pray that this politician will have a change of heart and that the spirit of antizionism will be broken.

Sat 16 Sep Sabbath Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year. During Rosh Hashanah Jews wish one another a good and sweet new year. Pray for a blessed new year for the Jewish people: a year in which they will experience God's protection and help. Give thanks for God's faithfulness to Israel.
Sun 17 Sep Rosh Hashanah	Jewish New Year "Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger." (Psalm 8:2) This verse is recited during the prayer service on Rosh Hashanah. Pray for all Jewish children, wherever they are in the world. Pray that they may know and feel that they have a Father in heaven.
Mon 18 Sep	Conspiracy theories about the Jewish people pop up all the time and all over, including after the implosion of the Titan submersible. One conspiracy theory blames the Jewish Rothschild family for the accident. Pray that these false theories will be unmasked and that they will not cause any harm to the Jewish people.
Tue 19 Sep	As you know, Aliyah means 'to go up'. This term is used for Jews who return to Israel, who go up to Jerusalem, to Zion. (Psalm 122) Pray that the new immigrants (<i>olim</i>) will not only return physically but also spiritually, "...to praise the Name of the LORD." (Psalm 122:4b)
Wed 20 Sep	"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land." (Ezekiel 36:24) You can't make it any shorter and sweeter than this. What is our task in this? To believe this word, to pray for the Jews and to offer practical help. Give thanks that as C4I we have the opportunity to do this now, in the time when the Lord God is bringing His people home.
Thu 21 Sep	The Israeli minister of Internal Affairs faces an enormous backlog in the process of issuing passports to new immigrants. Pray that such administrative obstacles will soon be cleared from the newcomers' path.
Fri 22 Sep	Theologian Johannes Gerloff and certified guide Heinz Reusch's book, 'Land Without Borders', is now available in English. In the book, Gerloff and Reusch explain Israel's recent history and its territory through maps. Pray that this may be an aid to many in reaching a better understanding of the current conflict surrounding Israel.
Sat 23 Sep Sabbath	A preacher once noted, "The Lord God loves His people so much, that He wrote an entire book about them." Give thanks that more than a third of the Bible is about the Jewish people, about Israel, about Jerusalem, about the prophetic return to their land, about God's eternal promises to them and about the victory over their enemies.
Sun 24 Sep	Over the next several months many C4I speakers will have speaking engagements. Pray for a blessing over the conferences and online Bible studies providing in-depth teaching on God's promises for Israel. Also pray for a blessing over all of the other planned C4I activities.
Mon 25 Sep Yom Kippur	Day of Atonement. "This is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity." (Jonah 4:2b) On Yom Kippur Jonah is read in the synagogue. Give thanks for God's great mercy in taking away the sins of the world.
Tue 26 Sep	Pray that Christians for Israel's mission, "To make Christians aware of the significance of the Jewish people in God's dealings with the world", will be understood and supported, not only by Christians but by non-Christians as well. Pray that they will become curious about what we do and the source of our strength and inspiration – the Bible.
Wed 27 Sep	Unfortunately the war in Ukraine continues unabated. Koen Carlier and his team in Ukraine help many Ukrainian Jews on a daily basis in the difficult circumstances they face. Give thanks for this important work that Koen and his team are doing and pray for a blessing over their work.
Thu 28 Sep	Give thanks for the miracle of 75 years of the independent State of Israel. Give thanks for technological and ecological discoveries, for medical and military miracles and for the revival of the Hebrew language.
Fri 29 Sep Sukkot	Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles begins this evening. For one whole week Jews live in booths to commemorate how God led them through the desert. Pray that in the coming week the Jewish people will feel God's presence and that He is carrying them.
Sat 30 Sep Sabbath	During Sukkot many families and friends visit each other to celebrate the holiday together. Pray for good fellowship and also pray that the Jewish people will not be disturbed in their celebrations by terrorist attacks but be able celebrate the holiday in peace.