



'Again the word of the LORD Almighty came to me. This is what the LORD Almighty says: "I am very jealous for Zion; I am burning with jealousy for her." This is what the LORD says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain."' (Zechariah 8:1-3, NIV1984)

We live in a time of division and confusion. Which story should I believe? Which facts can I accept? What is true and what is false? Yet this is the time when we must continue to remember what God has spoken. God's Word is the key in times of confusion. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." It is as if Jesus knew that there would be times when people would ask themselves: Where should we go? What is true? What are we living for? Jesus' words are not a warning, but a beacon of hope in confusing times.

God calls Jerusalem the 'City of Truth'. This is not without reason. At a time when everyone seems to have an opinion about Israel and where whole truths are being twisted into half-truths, God's defining Word speaks of Jerusalem as the 'City of Truth'. We see that hatred of Israel brings unrest and division. But love for Israel does not. Rather, it brings peace and confidence. The peace that we can focus on God's Word and trust that His Word is true.

Let us pray in the coming months that the truth about Israel may shine stronger than the lies. Let us remember that God will provide and that we can trust in His Word.

Shalom,
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

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Sat 1 June Sabbath	'This is what the LORD says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain."' Zechariah 8:3. Thank God for these words.
Sun 2 June	On March 21, the families of the hostages organized a moment of worldwide prayer at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. That afternoon, millions of Jews prayed the 'Shema'. A great moment of solidarity. Thank God for this moment of unity. Pray that unity among the Jewish people may remain strong and join in the prayer that all the hostages may be freed.
Mon 3 June	On the night of April 13, for the first time in history, Iran launched a direct attack on Israel. More than 300 rockets and drones were fired. Yet 99% of the projectiles fired were intercepted. Thank God that He for the miraculous way He protected His land and His people.

Tue 4 June Yom Yerushalayim	Today is Jerusalem Day, the Israeli holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem following the Six-Day war in 1967. Give thanks to God that He chose to dwell in Jerusalem (Zech. 2:10). Thank God that His eyes are on His land continually throughout the year (Deuteronomy 11:12).
Wed 5 June	European elections will be held on June 6. Pray for a blessing on the elections. Pray that the right people may be elected to translate a positive attitude toward Israel into European policy.
Thu 6 June	The Iranian regime has been threatening to destroy Israel for years. Pray that the curses of the Iranian leaders and the attacks they direct at Israel will not accomplish anything. Thank God that He is standing up for His people and that He will judge justly against the nations. (Psalm 96).
Fri 7 June	“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6). Thank God that we may place all our worries into His hands. Thank Him for everything He has given, even before we existed.
Sat 8 June Sabbath	“The LORD is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one.” (Psalm 28:8) Thank God with these words.
Sun 9 June	The pressure on Israel's leaders is high, both from inside and outside Israel. Pray for wisdom, strength and confidence for Israel's leaders to make the right choices and trust in God's guidance.
Mon 10 June	Many business owners in Israel have been called up as reserves. That means they have to leave their businesses for a while. Pray for a blessing and protection over the entrepreneurs and their businesses when they have to leave them behind.
Tue 11 June	The damage caused by the war is significant, both physically and emotionally. Pray for a speedy and thorough recovery of the country and for its people.
Wed 12 June Shavuot	Yesterday evening Shavuot began, the Jewish Feast of Weeks which is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. Exactly seven weeks after the exodus from Egypt, the Jews gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai, where God gave them the Ten Commandments. Pray that Jews worldwide may celebrate Shavuot in peace and safety.
Thu 13 June Shavuot	Shavuot is a harvest festival, but also a celebration of the Law. The Jewish people were given the task of observing God's ordinances and to be a light to the world in this way. Thank God for giving Israel the Law. Pray that His people will be blessed.
Fri 14 June	The people of Judea and Samaria live with the daily threat of terror. Pray that God may protect them. Pray that they may live in peace and joy in the Biblical Heartland.
Sat 15 June Sabbath	“The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom should I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1) Thank God that we can rely on His strength and protection.
Sun 16 June	“Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King.” (Psalm 48:1-2, NASB1995) Thank God with these words.
Mon 17 June	Our task is to support and comfort Israel (Isaiah 40:1-2). Pray churches will stand with Israel in word and deed.
Tue 18 June	The spiritual battle is also visible in the Church. Satan is spreading division and confusion. Pray that the truth about Israel may ring out louder than the lies. Pray that Christians around the world may read, hear and understand God's promises. Pray that God's Word and truth may be proclaimed all over the world.
Wed 19 June	As Christians, we have a deep connection with the Jewish people. (Romans 11) Yet it seems that many Christians have forgotten about God's plan for His people. Pray that Christians around the world will recognize God's plan for His people.
Thu 20 June	Psalm 122 calls us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray that this Psalm and this prayer may resound in churches worldwide.
Fri 21 June	In Asia, we hope to organize several conferences for pastors from Sri Lanka and Taiwan, and other countries. Pray for open doors and that through these pastors many Christians may be reached.
Sat 22 June Sabbath	All Your words are true; all Your righteous laws are eternal.” (Psalm 119:160) Thank God that His Word really is true and His ordinances are for all time.
Sun 23 June	“The Lord their God will save His people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in His land like jewels in a crown.” (Zechariah 9:16) Thank God with these words.
Mon 24 June	Spit upon, verbally abused or persecuted: Many Jews outside Israel do not feel safe anymore. Pray for the safety of Jewish communities. Pray that antisemitism will not endure.

Tue 25 June	“All day long they twist my words; all their schemes are for my ruin. They conspire, they lurk, they watch my steps, hoping to take my life.” (Psalm 56:5-6) Pray that the enemies of the Jewish people may be scattered. Thank God that He counts all tears and is with His people. (Psalm 56:8-9).
Wed 26 June	Reports of antisemitism in educational institutions have skyrocketed. On social media, images are circulating of Jewish students are being surrounded and verbally abused at American universities. Pray that that antisemitism will be stopped completely. Pray that Jewish students can continue their education in safety.
Thu 27 June	The Dutch Chief Rabbi Jacobs once said, “During World War II 5% of the Dutch were traitors to their country, 5% were in the resistance, but 90% did nothing. In this day and age we must not simply remain 'neutral' either. Everyone has the choice whether to light a lamp, or to remain in darkness. But one lamp can dispel a lot of darkness.” Pray that God will give us the courage and wisdom to stand up against antisemitism when it occurs.
Fri 28 June	Antisemitism is nothing new. Unfortunately, for centuries the Church has played a large role in this too. Old texts and images contain terrible stories of blood legends, forced conversions and pogroms. Pray for repentance in the Church. Pray that we as the Church we will ask God for forgiveness for the terrible things we have done to His people.
Sat 29 June Sabbath	“I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all My heart and soul.” (Jeremiah 32:41) Thank God that, even long before we were here, He promised that He would plant His people Israel in His land. Thank God that this is all in His hands.
Sun 30 June	“Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.” (Proverbs 30:5) Thank God for these words. Thank Him that His Word is true and pure.

July 2024

Mon 1 July	In Mark 3:24 we read that a divided kingdom cannot stand, so pray for unity in Israel. Pray for unity among Israel's leaders and among the entire people of Israel.
Tue 2 July	There is still a high threat of terrorist attacks in Israel. Pray for the safety and protection of all Israeli citizens.
Wed 3 July	In Israel, many reservists have been called up to serve in the army. The reservists are not only leaving their family and friends behind, but also their homes, businesses and other work. Pray for protection for the people and businesses the reservists leave behind to serve in the Israeli army. Pray for protection and strength for the soldiers serving in the army.
Thu 4 July	In recent months, many Israeli residents had to be evacuated. Large groups of people had to leave their homes immediately because of the danger of war. Pray that it may soon be safe enough in Israel that people can return home.
Fri 5 July	In the midst of wartime, the issue of conscription for Orthodox Yeshiva students came up again in Israel. This issue frequently leads to unrest and disagreement. Pray that God will give wisdom to the people involved to make the right choices in this matter.
Sat 6 July Sabbath	“I will strengthen Judah, and save the tribes of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them. For I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.” (Zechariah 10:6) Thank God that He will strengthen, save, and answer His people and have mercy on them.
Sun 7 July	“Send me Your light and Your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain, to the place where You dwell.” (Psalm 43:3) Make the words of this Psalm your prayer. Thank God that He leads in His light and with His truth.
Mon 8 July	The organization ‘Thinc.’ is an international network of experts on international law. They are currently busy developing the ‘Thinc Academy,’ a program that educates trainees in knowledge and skills surrounding the current political and legal debates about Israel. Pray that this process may go well and that many people may gain knowledge and skills in this area.
Tue 9 July	Pray for pastors and theologians as they study God's Word. Pray for an understanding of God's plan with Israel and pray for wisdom when they share God's Word with others.
Wed 10 July	“The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on

	others.” (Psalm 15:2-3) Pray that this psalm may guide the Church to serve God’s purpose in truth and love.
Thu 11 July	Through the app YouVersion, Christians for Israel will publish reading plans about God's plan for Israel. More than 400 million people worldwide use this app. Our studies are now also being translated into other languages. Pray that through this we may reach many Christians who will seek the truth about Israel, especially in these times.
Fri 12 July	Various branches of Christians for Israel have already organized multiple ‘encouragement trips’ to Israel. During these trips volunteers help to do practical work in order to encourage Israeli residents. Pray for a blessing on these trips.
Sat 13 July Sabbath	“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” (Psalm 91:1-2) Thank God with these words.
Sun 14 July	“I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” (Psalm 16:8) Thank God that we will not falter with Him by our side.
Mon 15 July	Education plays an important role in how Israel is perceived. In schools and universities teach about Israel's history, the conflict in the Middle East and international law. Pray that education about Israel may be true and reliable. Pray for wisdom and insight for teachers and students.
Tue 16 July	The International Court of Justice in The Hague is handling the question of whether Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinians. ICJ judges are still considering this question. Pray that the judges may act wisely and justly. Pray that God will confound the plans and deliberations of Israel's enemies. (Psalm 55:9)
Wed 17 July	Israel must constantly contend with the international media. Since the influence of media and algorithms is great, this is not an easy battle. Pray that the truth about Israel may shine stronger than the lies spread about the country in the media.
Thu 18 July	The villages in Judea and Samaria have been a topic of discussion for years. In the international media the idea pervades that the inhabitants of the Biblical heartland are “colonists” in “occupied territory”. Yet we read in the Bible that God speaks differently about His land and His People. He has chosen the land and given it to His people to live in it. (Jeremiah 31; Deuteronomy 11) Pray that the nations may realize that God's promises to His people are true and eternal.
Fri 19 July	Although there is much hatred against Israel in the world, there are also many people who support Israel. Think of students speaking out at universities or politicians committed to support Israel when it comes to policy. Think also of the many volunteers who travel to Israel to offer Israeli’s practical support and to encourage them. Pray for a blessing on these people. Pray also that many more may follow.
Sat 20 July	“The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’” (Genesis 12:1-3) Thank God today for the promise He made thousands of years ago to Abraham.
Sun 21 July	“See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.” (Jeremiah 31:8) Thank God today that He is gathering His people and bringing them back to His land.
Mon 22 July	During Iran's April 13 attack, it turned out that the most searched Internet term in Israel was “Tehillim,” the book of Psalms. That means large numbers of people were turning to the Biblical prayers. Thank God that people could find and pray the psalms in this way. Pray that Jews worldwide may continue to pray the Psalms together.
Tue 23 July	We can see that God is bringing His people back to His land. That also means that many of them will have to get used to a new country, with a new school or a new job. That is quite a challenge. Pray for a blessing over those who have returned. Pray that they things will go well for them and that they may integrate successfully.
Wed 24 July	It has now been over 9 months since the terrible attack on the Nova Festival. Many survivors are struggling with post-traumatic stress. Some even have so little hope, that they no longer want to live. Pray for the survivors of the Nova Festival. Pray that God will give them deep comfort and hope.

Thu 25 July	“I will bring my people Israel back from exile. They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the LORD your God.” (Amos 9:14-15) Pray that despite the hardships of this time of war, the inhabitants of Israel may have the energy and courage to continue to build up and work the land.
Fri 26 July	Since October 7, many local initiatives have sprung up to meet the emergency needs in Israel; initiatives such as fundraisers for ZAKA or distributing packages to soldiers. Pray for a blessing on the work all of these volunteers are doing.
Sat 27 July	“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.” (Psalm 24:1-2) Thank God with these words.
Sun 28 July	“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.” (Psalm 91:11-12) Thank God for these words.
Mon 29 July	Currently, Rev. Glashouwer’s book “Why Israel?” is being translated into Farsi by an Afghan brother. Some 120 million people worldwide speak this language, including in the countries Iran, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan. Pray for this translation and the proper channels to distribute the book.
Tue 30 July	“Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.” (Psalm 143:10) Pray that the Church will learn to do God’s will and be fully led by His Holy Spirit.
Wed 31 July	“This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.’ (Matthew 6:9-13) For the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.” Pray the Our Father today.