



“He says to the snow, ‘Fall on the earth,’ and to the rain shower, ‘Be a mighty downpour.’”
 Job 37:6

Right now it is winter in the northern hemisphere, but by the end of March it will be spring again. In the Bible we read that God created the different seasons. Meanwhile the world and the people in it pass through the seasons: Seasons of rain and plenty and seasons of drought; Times of warmth and light and times of cold and darkness. As Creator, God holds all these seasons in His hand and gives us what we need for every phase. In Isaiah 43:15-16 we read, “I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel’s Creator, your King. This is what the LORD says – He Who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters.” God helps His people Israel - and us as well – through all the seasons of life and throughout history. Give thanks for this and pray that over the coming months God will guard and keep Israel, whatever seasons they will pass through.

Every Sabbath (Saturday) in the coming two months we will pray from the weekly Torah readings.

*Shalom,
 C4I International Prayer Team*

February 2022

Tue 1 Feb	The prophet Zachariah speaks a clear language when he says: <i>“Up! Up! Flee from the land of the north, declares the Lord. For I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, declares the Lord. Up! Escape to Zion, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.”</i> (Zechariah 2:6-7). The situation in Ukraine at the border with Russia is becoming increasingly tense. Our C4I field workers in Ukraine prepare for the worst. Meanwhile they keep assisting Jews in preparing for their Aliyah and at the same time packing and handing out thousands of food parcels to poor Jewish elderly and families in need.
Wed 2 Feb	At the end of November a Palestinian terrorist in Jerusalem opened fire on passersby. One person died and four others were injured. Attacks with stones, knives, firearms and vehicles are weekly occurrences. Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and pray that Israelis will be protected from such attacks.
Thu 3 Feb	Pray for sufficient rainwater in the spring. Israel always has to wait and see whether enough rainwater and meltwater will come into the country. Pray that that the Sea of Galilee, Israel’s most important freshwater reservoir, will be full again this year.
Fri 4 Feb	Pray that the Israeli police will be alert to weapons smuggling. A significant percentage of smuggled weapons are used to carry out attacks on Israelis. Pray that many illegal weapons will be confiscated.

Sat 5 Feb Sabbath	“Make a lampstand of pure gold. Hammer out its base and shaft, and make its flowerlike cups, buds and blossoms of one piece with them” Exodus 25:31. In 1 Samuel 3:3 the lampstand is called the “lamp of God.” Give thanks for the light that shines from God’s presence, over Israel and over us.
Sun 6 Feb	“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 7 Feb	Arab Israelis are integrating better in Israeli society. The number of Arab students enrolled in the universities is rising and there are more and more Arabs in the Israeli police force. Give thanks for this integration and pray that it will improve peaceful coexistence.
Tue 8 Feb	Pray for the Israeli army. Pray that the army’s moral standards will be kept high, that beautiful friendships will develop within the army and that religious IDF soldiers will be able to encourage and help each other and those around them.
Wed 9 Feb	Israeli Security Services recently dismantled a large Hamas cell. The cell was planning large scale attacks on Israeli targets in the West Bank and Jerusalem in the near future. Give thanks that the Security Services discovered the cell and were able to shut it down.
Thu 10 Feb	There are Bedouins living in the south of Israel, in the Negev Desert. Many of these Bedouins are living in poverty, partially because they want to hold on to their nomadic, tent-dwelling lifestyle. The Israeli government has now decided to build more houses for the Bedouins and even a whole new town. Pray that the government’s plans will contribute to better circumstances for the Bedouins.
Fri 11 Feb	The chief artillery officer of the Israel army recently mentioned that previous wars had three dimensions: Land, sea, and air. Nowadays three other dimensions have been added: Cyberspace, underground, and electromagnetic (electromagnetic pulses can be used to shut down electrical equipment). Pray for protection for Israel in each of these areas.
Sat 12 Feb Sabbath	“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) God’s lamp had to be kept burning. This can be seen as a sign that God never slumbers or sleeps. Give thanks that God always watches over His people.
Sun 13 Feb	The Israeli government has put aside a substantial sum in the national budget for the Arab sector, for purposes such as combatting crime and improving infrastructure in Arab cities. Pray that this money will reach the right places and it will be used to fight poverty and dangerous situations in Arab cities.
Mon 14 Feb	Pray for the Israeli Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett. As the leader of Israel he often is required to make difficult decisions about issues such as COVID19, Iran, threats from Gaza, and international relations. Pray that he will seek and receive wisdom from God.
Tue 15 Feb	Pray for Israel from Psalm 25:22, “Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles” and from Psalm 129:5 “May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward.”
Wed 16 Feb	Israel is still working hard to develop medicines and vaccines against COVID19. They also continue to work on finding solutions to other diseases such as Alzheimer’s, depression, and cancer. Pray for wisdom for all of those involved in this research and pray that the results of their efforts will be a blessing to the whole world.
Thu 17 Feb	New archeological discoveries continue to prove the strong ties between the Jews and the land of Israel. Pray that the outside world will become more aware of this and that Jerusalem will be seen as more than just an important Islamic city.
Fri 18 Feb	In the past much has gone wrong between Israel and the Church. A horrifying example is the crusades, during which crusaders burned Jews alive in their synagogues. Pray for reconciliation between Israel and the Church and humble repentance within the Church for what has happened.
Sat 19 Feb Sabbath	“Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe My Sabbaths. This will be a sign between Me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, Who makes you holy.’” (Exodus 31:13) More and more Jews in Israel keep the Sabbath. Give thanks and pray that even more Jews will return to the Torah.
Sun 20 Feb	“In just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay.” (Hebrews 10:37) Pray that the time will soon come when Jesus will return to the earth and Jews and Christians will serve Him together in unity.

Mon 21 Feb	There are still Christians who think that the Jews deserve all of the misery they have had to endure because they think that the Jews are responsible for the death of Jesus. This is a grave misunderstanding. Pray that these people will come to realize the error of this view.
Tue 22 Feb	Pray that intercession for Israel during church services will become more and more common. After all, Israel is God's people and our older brother. Pray it will not be long before all pastors pray for Israel every Sunday.
Wed 23 Feb	"The exiles from Jerusalem who are in Sepharad will possess the towns of the Negev." (Obadiah 1:20) According to many commentators the exiles from Sepharad can be seen as the Spanish speaking and Portuguese speaking Jews (the Sephardic Jews). Not all of them live in Israel yet. Pray that many more Jews will return.
Thu 24 Feb	Pray that every challenge Jews who want to return to Israel face – issues like obtaining the right documents or unity within the family – will be resolved.
Fri 25 Feb	Many Jews who have made Aliyah have difficulty at first finding work with only foreign degrees. Pray that newcomers in Israel will be able to find new jobs quickly and give thanks that Israel is working on a faster process for recognizing foreign degrees.
Sat 26 Feb Sabbath	"Then Moses said to the Israelites, 'See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills.'" (Exodus 35:30-31) Pray that God will fill people with His Holy Spirit today as well, to continue to build up Israel physically and spiritually.
Sun 27 Feb	Pray for a blessing over the work of Koen and Ira Carlier and their team in Ukraine. Pray that they may support many Jews in their return to Israel.
Mon 28 Feb	Hezbollah continues to gain power in Lebanon. It is conceivable that Israel may need to take preventive action and destroy parts of Hezbollah's bulwarks in order to ensure its own security. Pray that the Israeli army may have the wisdom it needs to handle this situation.

March 2022

Tue 1 Mar.	Israel has finished the three-year project of improving and extending the fence along the border with Gaza. Israel hopes that this fence will improve security in the south of the country. Pray that it will provide protection for Israel.
Wed 2 Mar.	Since the war in May 2021, the security situation in the southern city of Ashkelon has hardly changed at all. Many residents cannot reach the bunkers quickly enough during rocket attacks and do not have shelters at home. Pray that this will change and that the city will be safer during attacks.
Thu 3 Mar.	In Judea and Samaria, which fall mostly under the Palestinian Authority, fights frequently break out between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian demonstrators. These often result in injuries or even deaths. Jews from illegal settlements sometimes also cause security issues. Pray for peace in Judea and Samaria.
Fri 4 Mar.	"I answered them by saying, 'The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.'" (Nehemiah 2:20) Just as in the time of Nehemiah, Israel has been faced with plenty of resistance as it built up the country and continues to face resistance today. Pray that Israel will see and know that God gives them success.
Sat 5 Mar. Sabbath	"There were twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes." (Exodus 39:14) Twelve stones symbolizing the twelve tribes were fastened onto the high priest's clothing. Pray that more and more Jews from the various tribes of Israel will return to be united with the rest of their people there.
Sun 6 Mar.	Iran has stated that it has restarted the production of centrifuges for the enrichment of uranium. In June of last year part of the complex was destroyed, most likely by Israel. Pray that this plan of Iran's will be stopped.
Mon 7 Mar.	Recent reports show that more and more Iranian-built missile systems are being set up in Syria, making Syria an increasing threat to Israel. Pray that Israel will have the means to defend itself.

Tue 8 Mar.	In December there was a new round of negotiations with Iran about a possible return to the 2015 deal regarding Iran's nuclear energy program. Before the negotiations started, Iran once again emphatically stated that it is their goal to completely destroy Israel. Pray the deal will not go through and that other means will be found to limit Iran's nuclear weapons program.
Wed 9 Mar.	This year Israel and India celebrate 30 years of fully functioning diplomatic relations. There is a strong bond between the two countries. They work together in many areas and there have never been periods of antisemitism in India. Give thanks for their good relations and pray that the countries will continue to be allies.
Thu 10 Mar.	At the moment it looks like Libya will be the next Arab state to join the Abraham Accords. Libya hopes that reconciliation between [Israel and Libya] will lead to recovery and increased prosperity for the country torn apart by civil wars. Pray that Libya will make this peace deal with Israel.
Fri 11 Mar.	Last year on two separate occasions innocent Israelis were arrested in Turkey on suspicion of membership in a terrorist organization or espionage. Turkey seems to be doing this to provoke Israel. Pray for protection for Jews and Israelis Turkey.
Sat 12 Mar. Sabbath	"In this way the priest will make atonement for them for any of these sins they have committed, and they will be forgiven. The rest of the offering will belong to the priest; as in the case of the grain offering." (Leviticus 5:13) God is a God of grace and forgiveness. Give thanks for God's great mercy.
Sun 13 Mar.	Israel has signed a military agreement with Morocco. This makes it easier for the two countries to cooperate in the area of defense. It is the first Arab country with which Israel has ever made an agreement like this. Give thanks for Israel's new ally.
Mon 14 Mar.	Australia has labeled Hezbollah as a terrorist organization. Some countries only classify the military branch of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, and not the political branch. Give thanks for Australia's step and pray that more countries will follow.
Tue 15 Mar.	Belgium has started to label products from Judea and Samaria as non-Israeli. The European Union has dictated this measure to all member-states but many are in no hurry to comply. Pray that the rules will be repealed and that countries will not go along with this.
Wed 16 Mar.	President Biden intends to re-open a Palestinian consulate in Jerusalem. This goes against the idea of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel. Pray that the consulate will not actually be opened.
Thu 17 Mar. Purim	"For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor." (Esther 8:16) Today the Jews celebrate that God saved them from annihilation at Haman's hand. Give thanks that God changed Israel's lot then and pray that God will save the Jewish people from the claws of their enemies again and again.
Fri 18 Mar.	During Hanukah last year a group of young Jews in England were singing and dancing in the street. It didn't take long before a group of young Muslims came up to them to intimidate them, spit at them and raise the <i>Heil Hitler</i> . Pray for protection for Jews in England and pray that the perpetrators will be punished.
Sat 19 Mar. Sabbath	"What has been done today was commanded by the LORD to make atonement for you." (Leviticus 8:34) In Leviticus 8 we read that atonement had to be made for Aaron and his sons as well. The only One who was ever completely without sin was Jesus. Give thanks for the coming of the Savior to the earth and for the salvation that He brought.
Sun 20 Mar.	Pray for Israel today using Psalm 33:10,11, "The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations."
Mon 21 Mar.	Belgian security service investigation shows that radical ideas, including antisemitism, are being spread on many online gaming platforms. Children are active on these platforms at younger ages than ever and so they are being exposed to extremist ideas from an early age. One solution could be that schools teach young people to think critically about radical ideas. Pray for quality education in schools on this topic and on antisemitism.
Tue 22 Mar.	Being a watcher, staying alert, interceding... It is not always easy. We need discipline, patience, and faith. Continue to intercede. The Lord is your strength!
Wed 23 Mar.	Pray for protection for Israel from fast-spreading fake news. Lies about Israel, for example about organized apartheid in Jerusalem, are popping up everywhere causing antisemitism to grow. Pray that these lies will be stopped.

Thu 24 Mar.	Growing antisemitism around the world, expressed as anti-Zionism, is a continuing matter for concern. Pray that the Lord God will defeat this power and show Himself all- powerful.
Fri 25 Mar.	“This is what the LORD says: ‘I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain.’” (Zechariah 8:3) Pray that these and all the promises in Zechariah 8:1-8 will be fulfilled. In those times there will finally not be any more antisemitism.
Sat 26 Mar. Sabbath	“Say to the Israelites: ‘Of all the animals that live on land, these are the ones you may eat.’” (Leviticus 11:2) Because the Jewish people had their own food laws, they remained a separate group within society and were able to pass down God’s commandments from generation to generation. Give thanks for this and that the Lord Jesus Christ came to us through Israel.
Sun 27 Mar.	Pray that our solidarity with Israel may add to our longing expectance of the return of our Savior Jesus.
Mon 28 Mar.	Pray that it will be made possible to organize trips to Israel for students, pastors, and other groups again. People find a visit to Israel to be a valuable experience and it often leads to a closer connection with and love for the Jewish people.
Tue 29 Mar.	Through Facebook we are able to reach more and more people around the world. Give thanks that these online avenues are available, despite the fact that no events can be organized in many of these places. Pray that we will be able to reach even more people.
Wed 30 Mar.	Another Korean edition of our newspaper, Israel & Christians Today, was published at the end of 2021. Give thanks for the close contacts we have with various churches and their pastors in Korea. Pray that this newspaper will reach many Christians so that they can stand in the breach for Israel and the Jewish people.
Thu 31 Mar.	“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2) In December Rev. Kant traveled to the Ivory Coast for speaking engagements in several churches. Give thanks that this trip was possible and pray that the participants will spread the news of God’s faithfulness to Israel further. Also pray for the continued development of the French language website.