

Israel Prayer Calendar

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On 26 April, the Jewish State of Israel celebrates 75 years of independence! Mazzel Tov! We have collected some prayer points from the Prayer Calendars in 2003 (55th anniversary), 2008 (60th anniversary), 2013 (65th anniversary) and 2018 (70th anniversary).

2003

Pray for the nations in relation to Israel and Jerusalem, 'For My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations' (Isaiah 56:1-8). Give thanks for the physical and spiritual restoration of Israel (Ezekiel 36). Pray that the church will rejoice in the restoration of 'the ruined hut of David' (Acts 15:13-18).

2008

Give thanks that the Jewish people have been entrusted with the Word of God (Romans 3:2). Give thanks that Jesus was born as a Jew (Romans 9:5). Realize that both the loss and transgression of the Jews bring us salvation (Romans 11:11-12).

2013

Pray and give thanks for Israel from Psalm 27:3: 'Though an army besieged me, my heart would not fear; though war broke out against me, even then I will be confident.' Psalm 119:89: 'Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.'

2018

The State of Israel is a miracle, and the LORD is his Keeper (Psalm 121:4). Give thanks for this miracle. Read Isaiah 44:24-28 and pray for Israel.

Shalom,

The Prayer Team of Christians for Israel International

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Sat 1 Apr

Yom HaAliyah (Day of the Aliyah)

On this day, we celebrate the Aliyah of Jews. This day also honours the contribution of olim to Israeli society. Give thanks for the many Jews who have made Aliyah, and pray that they may be a blessing to Israel.

Sun 2 Apr

The Israeli government plans to establish a new village in the south of the country, near the Gaza Strip, to make a statement against all the terror from Gaza. It also shows that Israel strongly believes Jews have the right to live all over the country. Pray for a blessing on the plans and for protection of the people who will inhabit the new village.

Mon 3 Apr

In 2021, one million Israelis faced food insecurity. Pray for an improvement of their situation. Pray also for a blessing on the work of Arab-Christian pastor Saleem Shalash who, together with people from his church, is helping the poor in Nazareth.

Tue 4 Apr

'Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household' (Exodus 12:3). In the story of Passover, the (slaughtered) lamb has a major role. Pray for a blessed Pesach for the Jewish people.

Wed 5 Apr	Passover Seder 'Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together' (Genesis 22:8). Thank God for providing a lamb, for this event and for the Lamb who carried away the sins of the world.
Thu 6 Apr	Passover 'He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young' (Isaiah 40:11). Thank you for this beautiful promise that says God is bringing His people home. Give thanks that we are witnessing this in these days.
Fri 7 Apr	Passover, Good Friday 'He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth' (Isaiah 53:7b). Give thanks for Jesus' unending love for us. Thank Him for choosing to die for the sins of the world.
Sat 8 Apr	Passover 'The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs' (Psalm 114:4). This psalm addresses the miracle of the exodus. Give thanks that God is a God of miracles, and pray that He will also work miracles for Israel in this time to save His people from the hand of enemies.
Sun 9 Apr	Passover, Easter 'In a loud voice they sang: 'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise' (Revelation 5:12. Give glory to Jesus with these words from Revelation.
Mon 10 Apr	Passover 'When they had finished the eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord', he said, 'you know that I love you'. Jesus said, 'Feed My lambs' (John 21:15). Although Peter denied Jesus three times, Peter was still allowed to shepherd. Give thanks for the great grace of God.
Tue 11 Apr	Passover 'Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it up as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. He cried out to the LORD on Israel's behalf, and the LORD answered him' (1 Samuel 7:9). After Samuel's prayer, the LORD delivered Israel from the Philistines. Pray that in these times of distress, the people of Israel also trust the LORD.
Wed 12 Apr	Passover 'The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat' (Isaiah 11:6a). Pray that the Kingdom of peace of King Jesus will come soon.
Thu 13 Apr	Passover In the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, there are numerous references to rule of law and justice. A healthy society cannot exist without them. The Netanyahu government wants to limit the power of the Supreme Court to have more political freedom. During the last months, Israel has faced many mass demonstrations of people opposing this decision. Pray that the government handles the situation with wisdom, taking Deuteronomy 16:19a to heart: 'Do not pervert justice or show partiality'.
Fri 14 Apr	Let us pray for Israel, that the difference of opinion between the government and the Supreme Court will not lead to a constitutional crisis. It is the Lord God who is asking that the Jewish people to align themselves with Him: 'For the LORD is righteous, He loves justice' (Psalm 11:7a).
Sat 15 Apr	The Palestinian Authority continues to reward terrorists in Israeli prisons or families of slain terrorists financially. Pray that the payments, which promote terrorism, will come to an end.
Sun 16 Apr	Pray for all secular Jews. Pray that a new love for God may arise in their hearts and that they want to serve God again.
Mon 17 Apr	The Israel parliament has decided to strip Palestinian terrorists from their (Israeli) citizenship when they receive a financial reward from the Palestinian Authority after carrying out a terrorist attack. Give thanks that because of this law more justice will be done to relatives of the victims. Pray that the Palestinian Authority will be prevented from paying terrorists.
Tue 18 Apr	Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Pray for all Holocaust survivors. Pray for strength and comfort for the entire Jewish people as they commemorate the horrors of the Holocaust.
Wed 19 Apr	Eighty percent of the schools in East Jerusalem follow the curriculum of the Palestinian Authority, which means they are not supervised by the Israeli school system. Unfortunately, this means that the education is often anti-Jewish, and glorifies violence against Jews. Pray for the children who attend these schools. Pray that God will work a miracle in their lives that keeps them from joining in the hatred.

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- Sat 22 Apr** 'Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD' (Isaiah 2:5). This Scripture refers to the glory of the future Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the light of the LORD over Israel.
- Sun 23 Apr** Pray for a blessing on the work of the Magen David Adom, the Israeli Red Cross. This organisation provides emergency aid to everyone in Israel, including aid in other countries in cases of major (natural) disasters. Give thanks for all the work this organisation does.
- Mon 24 Apr** Israel's Iron Dome is an important part in the country's defence against rocket attacks. Pray that every rocket shot towards areas where people live will be intercepted by the Iron Dome.
- Tue 25 Apr** **Yom Ha-Zikaron (Commemoration of the fallen Israeli's)**
'My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes' (Psalm 92:11). On this day, Israel commemorates all Israeli's who died in wars or terrorist attacks. Give thanks that the injustice does not go unpunished and pray for comfort for the bereaved ones.
- Wed 26 Apr** **Yom Ha-Atzma'ut (Independence Day)**
This day marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel (1948). Pray for a joyous day and unity among the Israeli's in celebrating this miracle.
- Thu 27 Apr** Pray for all children in Israel. Some children grow up in poverty, others close to the Gaza Strip and are often afraid. Pray that the children may realise that God is their Father in heaven.
- Fri 28 Apr** Pray for the healing and comfort of Israeli's who got injured in terrorist attacks.
- Sat 29 Apr** The inhabitants of the Gaza Strip are increasingly dissatisfied with the Hamas administration. There is much poverty and corruption, and more and more residents blame Hamas. Pray for a countermovement among the people, which might mean the end of the Hamas regime.
- Sun 30 Apr** It seems most protests in Iran are over again. Unfortunately, the protests haven't led to a mayor change in the country. Pray that things will change for the better and Iran will have a new government that is peaceful towards its own citizens and Israel.

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- Mon 1 May** Pray that Israel will succeed in thwarting Iran's nuclear activities. Also pray that Iran won't be able to manufacture a nuclear weapon.
- Tue 2 May** Pray for organisations that fight antisemitism in their countries.
- Wed 3 May** Pray for the work of Christians for Israel in over forty countries. Give thanks for all the people involved (among them are many volunteers) and pray for open doors to bring the message of God's love for Israel.
- Thu 4 May** Pray for the Jewish communities in Ukraine, especially in the eastern part of the country, as they have been facing war violence since February 2023. Many of them have lost loved ones, their homes, and their synagogues. Give thanks for the Christians for Israel team in Ukraine, that has been serving the Jewish people so faithfully. Pray for their protection.
- Fri 5 May** Pray for the Jewish people in Russia, as it has become more difficult to emigrate (make Aliyah) to Israel. Pray that the border may re-open soon.
- Sat 6 May** Preparations have been made for a normalisation agreement between Israel and Sudan. Pray that this development will continue and ensures more peace prospects for Israel.
- Sun 7 May** Because Hezbollah does not always respect Lebanon's border with Israel, the Israeli army builds fences around the border. In some case, this leads to resistance from the Lebanese army. Pray that Israel will be able to take border protection measures in the north of the country.
- Mon 8 May** Iran has opened an underground air base. The purpose of this air base is, among other things, to attack Israel. Pray that this air base will never be used and that all Iran's plans to attack Israel fail.
- Tue 9 May** Earlier this year, a video series was released with short interviews with people from Gaza. All these interviews show that life under Hamas is terrible, and that oppression and violence are the order of the day. Pray that the world's eyes are opened to this reality and pray that the conditions of people in Gaza improve.

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Wed 10 May	The Palestinian Authority and the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) movement released a joint statement expressing hope that the peoples of the world will actively participate in the BDS movement to 'overthrow Israel's regime of colonialism and apartheid'. Pray that the opposite will happen, and countries will rise up to support Israel.
Thu 11 May	Unfortunately, antisemitism is still a worldwide reality. Pray that this horrible hatred against the Jews will decrease and Jews will feel safer.
Fri 12 May	Conspiracy theories about Jews and their involvement in world leadership or pandemics are still alive. Pray that people will not get caught up in these nonsensical theories. Pray for wisdom and protection for Jews when faced with prejudice.
Sat 13 May	Anti-Zionism is also a form of antisemitism. Pray that more and more people and governments recognise this. Also pray for the protection of Jews in the Diaspora who are held responsible for everything that happens in Israel.
Sun 14 May	A US survey shows that the knowledge of many people (especially the younger generation) is very poor. About 50 percent of the interviewed people don't know that six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust. Pray for a blessing on all initiatives to increase knowledge, especially among young people.
Mon 15 May	Recently, a man shot two Jewish people in Los Angeles. His motives were antisemitic. Unfortunately, such attacks happen regularly. Pray for protection of Jews from these attacks.
Tue 16 May	Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu expects an increase in Jews making Aliyah, especially from the West. One of the reasons is a growing Israeli economy, making Israel more attractive for people from abroad. Pray that many Jews will indeed decide to move to Israel.
Wed 17 May	Pray for a blessing on the work of the ministers in the Israeli government dealing with Aliyah. Pray that they will ensure there are good facilities available for Jews emigrating to Israel.
Thu 18 May	Ascension Day 'Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory' (1 Timothy 3:16). Give thanks that Jesus has been taken up in glory. Pray that He will come soon to unite with His people.
Fri 19 May	Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray that the spirit of hatred, jealousy and violence will disappear from the city.
Sat 20 May	Pray for Jews who believe in Jesus as the Messiah and want to move to Israel. It is sometimes more difficult for them to enter Israel as they aren't always considered Jews anymore. Pray that these obstacles will disappear.
Sun 21 May	The Israeli government has decided to legalise a number of Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria, which were previously considered 'illegal'. Give thanks that people in these communities will now have access to basic services such as water and electricity, as well as better protection.
Mon 22 May	Pray for peace in the areas of Judea and Samaria. In this Biblical Heartland, there are regular attacks on Jews. Pray for protection, and pray that Jews and Palestinians can live together in peace.
Tue 23 May	Pray that actions by the Israeli army to round up Palestinian terrorists in Judea Samaria will not result in injuries/deaths. Palestinians regularly open fire on Israeli soldiers during such actions
Wed 24 May	Pray for blessing on the work of the Israel Products Centre (IPC) in the Netherlands. Recently, there was a court case over the labelling of products from Judea and Samaria, which - according to the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority - should state that it comes from settlements in Palestine. Pray for wisdom for the IPC on how to deal with these issues and pray that IPC will be blessed as they stand up for Israel.
Thu 25 May	Pray for a blessing on the work of the various speakers on behalf of Christians for Israel worldwide. Pray that they will receive inspiration to bring the Biblical message about Israel.
Fri 26 May	Shavuot Shavuot is not only a harvest feast for the Jews, they also celebrate that God gave the Torah on Mount Sinai. Give thanks that God reveals Himself to mankind, in the Torah and in His Son. Pray for a blessed feast for the Jewish people.
Sat 27 May	Shavuot 'Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good' (1 Peter 2:2). During Shavuot, the Jews eat many products containing milk, as the nourishment of the Torah is compared to the nourishment of milk. Pray for such a desire for the Word of God in your own life and for Christians in general.

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Sun 28 May

Pentecost

'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place' (Acts 2:1). Pray for unity among Christians as the disciples had. Pray also for unity between Jews and Christians.

Mon 29 May

'Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost' (Acts 20:16). Paul knew he would be imprisoned in Jerusalem, but that did not stop him from wanting to celebrate Pentecost with His Jewish brethren. Paul loved his people. Pray that we as Christians also have and radiate this love for Israel.

Tue 30 May

Recently, Christians for Israel International organised two conferences in Africa: one in Kenya and one in Rwanda. These conferences were very well attended, and may result in creating local C4I teams in these countries. Give thanks for these wonderful developments and pray for blessings on the work of the people in both countries.

Wed 31 May

At the beginning of this year, C4I Uganda organised a conference for church leaders about God's love for and plan with Israel. As a result, Ugandan church leaders decided to start organising conferences about this theme themselves as well. Give thanks that the work of Christians for Israel continues to grow.
