



*"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)*

The return of God's people to Israel fulfills an age-old promise. It is a miracle that after centuries of exile the people of Israel are returning to the land. Villages have grown into cities and once again children play in the squares of Jerusalem. Vineyards and olive groves are being planted in the desert. The date palms drip with honey, the land is fertile again. The visible fulfillment of these prophecies is a sign of hope in a time of darkness.

Despite war, destruction and grief, God remains faithful to His promises and is moving forward with His plan for Israel. This also means that even when the nations pronounce judgement over Israel, even when government leaders want to divide the land and determine the future of the land, God's covenant with His people and His promises stand unshaken. Our role is to support and comfort Israel. (Isaiah 40:1-2)

In the next two months, let us pray for Israel to be blessed and for healing for the wounds caused by the war. Let's follow Israel's example on the Sabbath by only thanking God. In doing this we grow in awareness that God will provide and that we can trust in Him.

Shalom,

The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

## April 2024

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| Mon 1 Apr | "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3) Thank God for His great mercy. Pray that the living hope that we have received through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead may reach every person on earth. |
| Tue 2 Apr | Around the world there are a growing number of court cases against or about Israel, such as the current case before the International Court of Justice in The Hague. The court system is being used to delegitimize Israel and to force the establishment of a Palestinian state. Pray that truth and justice will prevail in The Hague.                                 |
| Wed 3 Apr | The Israeli government is facing enormous pressure from the international community. Many countries are critical of the Israeli government's course of action and want Israel to go along with their plans for a statehood solution. Pray that God will give the Israeli leaders the courage and wisdom not to follow the ways of the nations but to follow God's ways.  |

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| Thu 4 Apr                   | “For I know the plans I have for you’, declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11) Pray for peace for Israel. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.   |
| Fri 5 Apr                   | “Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,’ says the LORD, who has compassion on you.” Isaiah 54:10 is a wonderful Bible verse about God’s faithfulness to His covenant with Israel. Thank God for His unconditional faithfulness to His people. Give thanks that He always keeps His promise.  |
| Sat 6 Apr<br>Sabbath        | “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. Let Israel say: ‘His love endures forever.’ Let the house of Aaron say: ‘His love endures forever.’ Let those who fear the LORD say: ‘His love endures forever.’” (Psalm 118:1-4)  |
| Sun 7 Apr                   | Philippians 2:14 describes how divisions can destroy a nation. Pray for unity in Israel. Pray for unity among Israeli leaders and among the entire Israeli population.   |
| Mon 8 Apr                   | The Israeli organization ZAKA, an emergency service made up of professionally trained volunteers, works in rescue and recovery in the aftermath of terrorist attacks, national and international disasters and accidents. The brave volunteers who have been contributing their efforts in the wake of October 7th are confronted with victims who were murdered in the most horrific ways. This often takes a heavy toll on the volunteers, both physically and emotionally. Pray for a blessing over these courageous volunteers as they process everything they face in their work. |
| Tue 9 Apr                   | “Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” Psalm 90 speaks of God’s eternal mighty power. May this psalm teach Israel and us to know and trust that everything is in His hands. Thank God for this.   |
| Wed 10 Apr                  | The number of antisemitic incidents around the world is shockingly high since the October 7th attack. Pray for the safety of the Jewish community.   |
| Thu 11 Apr                  | There are regular attacks on Jews in Judea and Samaria. Pray for quiet and protection, so that Jews and Palestinians can live together in peace in these regions.  |
| Fri 12 Apr                  | Pray for soldiers and their families. Pray for the families of fallen and wounded soldiers and for the recovery of the wounded.  |
| Sat 13 Apr<br>Sabbath       | “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard you hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7) Thank God that we can place all of our cares in His hands and receive His peace.  |
| Sun 14 Apr                  | Various branches of Christians for Israel are organizing solidarity trips to Israel. Pray for the groups making these trips and pray that the practical help they are offering in Israel will be an encouragement to the people there in this difficult time.  |
| Mon 15 Apr                  | In conversation about Israel opinions often differ greatly. Pray that God’s wisdom will lead our words and attitudes when we talk about His people with others. (Proverbs 2:6)   |
| Tue 16 Apr                  | In Psalm 56 King David cries to God about how his enemies long for his death: “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” (verses 5-6). Current propaganda also constantly twists Israel’s words. Whole truths are turned into half-truths which are then used against Israel. Pray that the truth may shine brighter in the world than the incorrect information and all of the lies about Israel that are being spread.   |
| Wed 17 Apr                  | Pray for the release of all of the hostages. Also pray that the bodies of Israelis that are being held in Gaza will be returned home.  |
| Thu 18 Apr<br>Yom Ha Aliyah | Today is Aliyah Day, a national holiday in Israel commemorating the Jewish people entering the land of Israel. Give thanks to God that He is bring His people back to His land. Jews are still making Aliyah to Israel from countries all over the world. Pray that the nations of the world will open their gates wide so that all Jews can come home to Israel.  |
| Fri 19 Apr                  | Jews often spend weeks preparing for Passover. Because there must not be any <i>chametz</i> (foods with leavening agents) in the home during Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread afterwards, much time is spent cleaning. Everything that is leavened, everything that contains yeast, must leave the house. Pray that Jews around the world will be able to prepare for Passover in peace. Pray that there will not be any tensions between Jews and Arabs in the period leading up to Passover.   |

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| Sat 20 Apr<br>Sabbath             | On the first of January 2024 there were 517,407 Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria (not including East-Jerusalem). In 2023 the number of Jewish residents grew by 15,000. Thank God that He is bringing His people back to the Biblical Heartland. Give thanks that the number of Jewish inhabitants in Judea and Samaria is growing.  |
| Sun 21 Apr                        | The war in Ukraine has already lasted more than two years. The uncertainty among the population is growing. Although the food parcel initiative is still going full force, thousands more parcels are needed for the coming months. Pray that more Ukrainian Jews will be able to make use of the food parcels. Also pray for the team of colleagues and volunteers who stand at the ready to help meet the growing need for food assistance. |
| Mon 22 Apr<br>Seder evening       | The Seder meal marks the beginning of Passover. One of the most well-known songs in the Haggadah, the Jewish Seder liturgy, is the song 'Dayenu' (enough). This song of thankfulness is sung with the story of the exodus, to remember God's acts of goodness to His people. Give thanks that even after thousands of years, the feast of Passover is still being celebrated.   |
| Tue 23 Apr<br>Passover            | During Passover Jews all around the world commemorate that thousands of years ago God led His people out of Egypt to the Promised Land. Thank God that He saved His people from exile in Egypt and for His eternal faithfulness to His people.  |
| Wed 24 Apr<br>Passover            | "The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt." (Exodus 12:13) Every time God punished Egypt He spared Israel. God is a God who cares for the oppressed but punishes the oppressor. Give thanks that God is a righteous God.  |
| Thu 25 Apr<br>Passover            | "The mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs." (Psalm 114:4) This psalm is about the miracle of the exodus. Give thanks that God is a God of miracles and pray that He will work miracles in these times too, to save the people of Israel from the hands of her enemies.  |
| Fri 26 Apr<br>Passover            | Today is the fourth day of Passover. Pray that around the world Jews may celebrate the last days of the Passover feast in peace and full of joy.  |
| Sat 27 Apr<br>Sabbath<br>Passover | "Blessed is the Omnipresent One; blessed is He. Blessed is He Who gave the Torah to His people Israel. Blessed is He." <i>Baruch Hamakom</i> . Give thanks that through Israel God brought wisdom, salvation and knowledge of Him into the world.   |
| Sun 28 Apr<br>Passover            | At the council of Nicea in 325 A.D. the church decided that the Christian celebration of Easter could not coincide with the Jewish celebration of Passover. With this decision the church cut herself loose from her Jewish roots. Pray that the bond between the church and the Jewish people will be restored.  |
| Mon 29 Apr<br>Passover            | The 'Yiskor' is prayed on the seventh day of Passover. This is a prayer to remember those who have passed away. Today those who lost their lives on October 7th and afterwards will also be commemorated. Pray for the memory of those who have died. Pray for the people who are grieving for loved ones today.  |
| Tue 30 Apr<br>Passover            | Today Jews celebrate the last day of Passover. Pray that they will be able to look back on a wonderful and blessed week and they will be able to go back to work tomorrow with a spring in their step.  |

## May 2024

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| Wed 1 May            | "Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always." (1 Chronicles 16:11) Pray for all Palestinian believers. Pray that they will stand firm in their faith and will bless Israel. The latter is not without danger, pray for protection in this.   |
| Thu 2 May            | Thankfully there are nations that stand behind Israel. Germany rejected South Africa's genocide accusation against Israel at the International Court of Justice in January 2024. Argentina's president, Javier Milei, said that he is going to move the Argentinian embassy to Jerusalem. Pray for a blessing on the nations that support Israel. |
| Fri 3 May            | "When Israel came out of Egypt, Jacob from a people of foreign tongue, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel His dominion." (Psalm 114:1-2) Give thanks to God for the sanctification of His people.   |
| Sat 4 May<br>Sabbath | A verse from the Psalms, as you pray for Israel today: "Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores His people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!" (Psalm 14:7).   |

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| <b>Sun 5 May</b><br><b>Yom HaShoah</b>     | Today is a day of remembrance. Israel commemorates the Shoah, the destruction of six million European Jews during the World War II. Pray for a good and peaceful Yom HaShoah.  |
| <b>Mon 6 May</b>                           | As a result of Rev. Glashouwer's mission trip to Thailand a team has been formed who will set up the work of Christians for Israel in Thailand. Over the coming period the team will be equipped for this work. Pray for the team and for the work in Thailand.  |
| <b>Tue 7 May</b>                           | The countries around Israel are still aiming their arrows at the land of God. Pray for protection for Israel and her borders.  |
| <b>Wed 8 May</b>                           | Pray that your own country will strengthen its relationship with Israel and find ways to be a blessing to Israel. (Genesis 12:3)   |
| <b>Thu 9 May</b>                           | The terrorists who infiltrated a number of Israeli communities on October 7th left a terrible path of destruction behind. Pray for the reconstruction of all the affected towns, villages, kibbutzim and moshavs.  |
| <b>Fri 10 May</b>                          | Isaiah 2:4 describes how the nations of the earth will finally beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Then no nation will raise its sword against another and there will be no more war. Pray that this time will come soon.   |
| <b>Sat 11 May</b><br><b>Sabbath</b>        | "For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen." (Romans 11:36)   |
| <b>Sun 12 May</b>                          | "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, 'May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.'" (Psalm 122:6-7) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.  |
| <b>Mon 13 May</b><br><b>Yom HaZikaron</b>  | Today Israel remembers all those who have died in wars in Israel and all those who have died by the actions of terrorists. Pray for comfort for those who are missing someone today. Pray that the memorials will proceed quietly and undisturbed.   |
| <b>Tue 14 May</b><br><b>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</b> | Today Israel celebrates her 76th independence day. The return of Israel to the Land is a great miracle and a sign of God's eternal faithfulness to His people and to His promises. Thank God for His unconditional faithfulness and for fulfilling His promises.   |
| <b>Wed 15 May</b>                          | Psalms 121 is a special psalm to read as you pray for Israel. This psalm mentions the Lord as the Keeper of Israel three times and says that He will keep them three times.  |
| <b>Thu 16 May</b>                          | Iran has desired the downfall of Israel for years. There is even a clock in the Iranian capitals of Tehran that is counting down to Israel's destruction. Iran's leading role in the horrors of October 7th, its sponsorship of terrorist organizations and plans for atomic bombs are well-known examples of Iran's hatred towards Israel. Pray that the [current] regime in Iran will be gone soon. Pray for division within the government and that their hostile plans will not harm Israel. |
| <b>Fri 17 May</b>                          | Hamid Abu Arar, a former resident of Gaza, received permanent residency in Israel in February. Hamid, who works in agriculture, lost his wife when terrorists shot at his car on October 7th. While seeking cover for himself and for his child, he risked his life to save dozens of soldiers. Hamid's rescue operation is a beacon of light in the middle of a dark battle. Pray for a blessing over anyone who stands up for Israel.  |
| <b>Sat 18 May</b><br><b>Sabbath</b>        | "I will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive. I will set junipers in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together." (Isaiah 41:19) Israel is known for its technical innovations in agriculture. Orchards are being planted and fields cultivated in areas that used to be desert. Give thanks that God's promise is being fulfilled.   |
| <b>Sun 19 May</b>                          | Many soldiers have marched through the Druze town of Julis in Galilee in the past several months. As a sign of solidarity, Druze restaurant owner Basma Hino decided to make his restaurant kosher. This is a symbol of the connection between the Druze and Jews, but also a sign of hope for peace and unity within Israel. Give thanks for this and pray that the bond between Druze and Jews will continue to strengthen.  |
| <b>Mon 20 May</b>                          | Arab laborers work in many Jewish villages. The war in Israel has increased the strain on relations between Jews and Arabs. Pray for peace and safety, so that Arab workers in Jewish towns can return to their jobs.  |
| <b>Tue 21 May</b>                          | The number of antisemitic incidents at universities has increased significantly in the past months and even years. Jewish students face death threats and antisemitic graffiti on university buildings. Pray for a safe learning environment for Jewish students.  |

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| <b>Wed 22 May</b> | “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.” (Romans 8:33) The United Nations and the most powerful countries in the world cast judgement over Israel almost daily. Pray that God will soon judge the nations in righteousness. Thank God that He reigns and holds everything in His hands.   |
| <b>Thu 23 May</b> | In 2023 the number of people interested in making ‘Aliyah’ increased dramatically. In North America there was a 100% increase and in France there was an increase of 400%. For many Jews, the events of October 7th were a motivation to return to their Jewish homeland. Pray for the safety of Jews worldwide and wisdom in making the decision whether to go or stay.   |
| <b>Fri 24 May</b> | Israel is positioned between countries who would prefer to see the end of the Jewish state. The safety and protection of her citizens is extremely important but also difficult to ensure. Pray that the Israeli security services will be able to recognize and neutralize any kind of threat as quickly as possible.   |
| <b>Sat 25 May</b> | “Great, mighty and awesome God, most high God, Who bestows grace and creates all, and remembers the kindness of the Fathers, and brings a redeemer to their children’s children, for His name’s sake with love. O King, Helper, Savior and Shield. Blessed are You, O LORD, Shield of Abraham.” (From the first prayer of blessing of the Amidah, which are at the center of the Jewish daily prayers.)  |
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| <b>Mon 27 May</b> | “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7) Pray that Christians around the world will have the courage to stand up for Israel and to share their love for Israel.  |
| <b>Tue 28 May</b> | Although many Christians support the Jewish people, antisemitism is deeply entwined in the history of the Church. Centuries of persecution, humiliation and the spreading of lies have deeply damaged the relationship between Jews and Christians. Pray for repentance within the Church. Pray that love for God’s people will continue to spread among Christians and that the relationship between Jews and Christians may be restored further.                               |
| <b>Wed 29 May</b> | “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40) Give thanks and pray for the work of Koen Carlier and his team in Ukraine. Give thanks that they were able to distribute food parcels to many elderly Jews again this winter. Pray that their work will be blessed in the coming weeks and months, and that they will be able to help many Jews who want to make Aliyah. |
| <b>Thu 30 May</b> | This prayer calendar is used in many countries including Vietnam, Tanzania, Italy and New Zealand. Give thanks for the branches of Christians for Israel who distribute the prayer calendar and that so many Christians pray for Israel every day.   |
| <b>Fri 31 May</b> | “The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and His Name will be the only name.” (Zechariah 14:9) Pray that God’s Name will already be central now in the life of Israel, the Church and the world.   |