



## Israel: A Sign of Hope

The Bible says that Israel will be a blessing for all nations (Zechariah 8:13). But is this still the case today? If we look at today's headlines and the current events, this thought seems old-fashioned and far-fetched. Israel, as it is presented to us in the daily news reports, seems to be more after power and war than after blessing and peace. Israel seems to be completely reviled. With this something becomes quite noticeable. The same slogans, already in use for thousands of years to exterminate the Jewish people, are used again today in new forms. It is as though the enemy seeks to tarnish what God intended Israel to be: a sign of hope for the entire world.

But lies do not endure, and darkness cannot stand before the light of the LORD. Because we have seen another reality as well. We have seen that Israel loves life more than death, that she fights for her people, even if they are no longer alive. We have seen that Israel is looking for solutions, willing to sacrifice and compromise in that pursuit. Furthermore, we have seen that she always holds on to hope, even if she is surrounded by darkness. We have seen that God is with them.

For this reason, Israel remains what Scripture declares her to be: a blessing for the nations, a sign of hope. The LORD is with Israel.

Shalom,  
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

## December 2025

<b>Mon 1 Dec</b>	Early October twenty living hostages were released. A big miracle for which we may thank the Lord. Give thanks for the liberation of the last living hostages from the hands of Hamas.
<b>Tue 2 Dec</b>	The returned hostages had to deal with terrible circumstances for two years. Pray for comfort and recovery. Pray for a blessing on their lives.
<b>Wed 3 Dec</b>	Pray for comfort and God's presence for the relatives of those who perished or were killed in the last two years during the war.
<b>Thu 4 Dec</b>	The events on and after October 7 are a collective trauma for the Israeli people and Jews worldwide. Pray that God will provide comfort to His people in their grief and strength to rebuild again.
<b>Fri 5 Dec</b>	"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance." Psalm 33:12. Bless God's people today with these words.
<b>Sat 6 Dec Sabbath</b>	"But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations." Psalm 33:11. We can trust deeply in these words. Let us give thanks to the Lord today for this.
<b>Sun 7 Dec</b>	"You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29. Give thanks to the Lord today for being the light in the darkest moments.

<b>Mon 8 Dec</b>	The peace plan for Israel and Gaza, that was signed early October was supported by different countries. Pray that the leaders who are involved in the future of Israel and Gaza will be led by God's Word and His wisdom.
<b>Tue 9 Dec</b>	Pray for the leaders who have to decide about the future of the Palestinians and Israel. Pray that these leaders will gain respect for God's ways. Pray that they would hear His voice clearly and align their decisions with His will.
<b>Wed 10 Dec</b>	"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine on us - so that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations." Psalm 67:1-2. Pray that the nations will understand God's voice and obey Him.
<b>Thu 11 Dec</b>	Hatred against the God of Israel is ultimately hatred against the God of Israel. God is connected to His people and His Land. Pray for those who cherish this hatred. Pray that they will be touched by God's love and that every form of hatred will be eradicated.
<b>Fri 12 Dec</b>	Pray for a blessing on the people who seek the good for Israel. Pray that God's light will shine on them, so that others will learn God's way and His salvation. (Psalm 67).
<b>Sat 13 Dec Sabbath</b>	"May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth." Thank God that this time will come. Thank God that He will judge just and will lead the nations.
<b>Sun 14 Dec Hanukkah</b>	Tonight marks the start of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Pray that the Jewish people worldwide can celebrate this festival in peace and safety.
<b>Mon 15 Dec Hanukkah</b>	Today the second candle of the hanukiah (candelabra) is lit at sunset. Hanukkah is the festival that commemorates the rededication of the Temple, when the Jews got hold of the Temple again in 164 BC. Pray for blessed holidays for the Jewish people.
<b>Tue 16 Dec Hanukkah</b>	Hanukkah is the festival of the miracle of the jar of oil that didn't run out. As a result, the hanukiah in the Temple could burn for eight days on a row. In our days God often miraculously provides for what is needed. Thank God that He is a God of miracles and reflect for a moment when you experienced God's providence yourself.
<b>Wed 17 Dec Hanukkah</b>	During Hanukkah an additional candle of the hanukiah is lit each day, until all candles burn brightly after eight days. This growing light symbolizes hope and faith. Pray that the Jewish people may shine as a light in this world.
<b>Thu 18 Dec Hanukkah</b>	Hanukkah is also called the Festival of Lights. The miracle of Hanukkah is a sign of hope, that the light will always overcome the darkness. Pray that people worldwide will see this light and put their hope on God.
<b>Fri 19 Dec Hanukkah</b>	God's faithfulness to His people is also a powerful sign to Christians. It shows that God keeps His promises and never lets go of what His hand has begun. Pray that this sign of hope may become visible to all Christians worldwide.
<b>Sat 20 Dec Sabbath Hanukkah</b>	"Not to us, LORD, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1. Hanukkah is the festival of God's mercy and faithfulness. Honour God for this today.
<b>Sun 21 Dec Hanukkah</b>	"The LORD is God, and He has made His light shine on us." Psalm 118:27. Despite the continuous tension and threats from different sides the Jewish people continue celebrating the Biblical feasts. Give thanks for this resilience and courage to take up daily life again and again.
<b>Mon 22 Dec Hanukkah</b>	Today marks the final day Hanukkah. Pray that the Jewish people may continue to experience God's light shining upon them long after this festival, and that He protects them against the attacks of the enemy.
<b>Tue 23 Dec</b>	Pray for a blessing for the work of Magen David Adom, the Israeli Red Cross. Pray that they can arrive quickly in the event of accidents and that they can provide help successfully and thus will save human lives.
<b>Wed 24 Dec Christmas Eve</b>	"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14. Give thanks for Jesus' coming to earth and that He has lived amongst His people.
<b>Thu 25 Dec Christmas</b>	"He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful." Luke 1:54. Pray for the Christians who live in Israel. They celebrate Christmas in the Land where Lord Jesus was born as a Jewish boy. Pray that all these Christians, from Arabic to Eastern Orthodox, will reflect on the fact that Israel is the Land where God has planted the Jewish people. Pray that these Christians will continue to act as friends of the Jewish State.

<b>Fri 26 Dec</b>	Pray for peace in Judea and Samaria. Pray that the Jewish civilians can live there in peace and that the violence between Jews and Arabs who live there doesn't flare up.
<b>Sat 27 Dec Sabbath</b>	From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised." Psalm 113:3. Praise the Lord today with these words.
<b>Sun 28 Dec</b>	"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:29. Praise the Lord today for His great kindness and mercy.
<b>Mon 29 Dec</b>	Christianity is rooted deeply in the history of the Jewish people, and on the other hand it asks from us a humble attitude. Pray that inside the Church there is a willingness to learn and to study the Bible together with Israel.
<b>Tue 30 Dec</b>	"Is not Ephraim My dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore My heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him," declares the Lord." Jeremiah 31:20. If our God loves His people so much, shouldn't that touch us as Christians as well? Pray that the love of God for His people may become visible in your congregation.
<b>Wed 31 Dec New Year's Eve</b>	Pray for a blessing on the Jewish people for the coming year. Pray that all will be well and that they will be a light to the nations.

## January 2026

<b>Thu 1 Jan New Year's Day</b>	Give thanks that God is a faithful God. He will not let go what His hand began. Zechariah 2:12: "The LORD will inherit Judah as His portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem."
<b>Fri 2 Jan</b>	One of the hostages who was released last October carried a piece of cardboard with Psalm 27, which he continually prayed during that awful imprisonment. Psalm 27:13: "I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." Give thanks for this man's faith, and pray for those who were held hostage and have to resume their life again.
<b>Sat 3 Jan Sabbath</b>	Give thanks that God has promised that He will remove the sin of the Land of Israel in a single day. (Zechariah 3:9). That is a solemn pledge that will be realized at the second coming of Messiah. The seal for this is the death and resurrection of the Saviour.
<b>Sun 4 Jan</b>	Give thanks that God has made His promise in Isaiah 27:6 that Israel will fill all the world with fruit, of which we already see the first fulfilment. Give thanks that God is faithful to His Word. Even if we couldn't understand it, in His eyes nothing is impossible.
<b>Mon 5 Jan</b>	Give thanks that God sees Israel's enemies in their inner room, and pray that He will disclose the plans of Israel's enemies to the leaders of Israel.
<b>Tue 6 Jan</b>	More and more companies, universities and governments want to punish Israel. Pray that their efforts will fail. The promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 stands firm: "I will bless those who will bless you, and whoever curse you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
<b>Wed 7 Jan</b>	The Jewish Agency expects that in the coming years more than one million Jews will make aliyah to Israel. Pray that God watches over His people. Like it says in Exodus 12:42 during the exodus from Egypt: "Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt."
<b>Thu 8 Jan</b>	Since October 7, 2023, some 20,000 Israelis were injured. The expertise of the plastic surgeons has increased enormously since then. All kinds of new techniques were applied to help patients, like laser treatments, skin cell culture preparations, applying robots and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Give thanks for these inventions and pray for a speedy recovery for those affected.
<b>Fri 9 Jan</b>	The so-called Pilgrimage Road in Jerusalem's City of David is now open to the public. This impressive underground road was built under the Roman governors of Jerusalem, most likely Pontius Pilate, and connected the Pool of Siloam to the Temple Mount. Give thanks that this long-term archaeological project is more or less completed today and pray that the visitors get a good picture of the Jewish history of Jerusalem.
<b>Sat 10 Jan Sabbath</b>	"How great You are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like You, and there is no God but You, as we have heard with our own ears." 2 Samuel 7:22. Praise God with these words.
<b>Sun 11 Jan</b>	"In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears." Psalm 18:6. Give thanks that the LORD hears the cry for help from His people and our cry for help as well.
<b>Mon 12 Jan</b>	Give thanks for the work that our Aliyah Fieldworkers Koen and Ira Carlier, together with their team, do in Ukraine for the Jewish community. Pray that many people will receive help during the winter months.

<b>Tue 13 Jan</b>	On the Golan Heights a 1500-year-old synagogue was recently excavated. This is the 26 <sup>th</sup> synagogue found in this area. Historically speaking, this indicates a long-term Jewish presence in this area, that is denied by some. Pray that the eyes of the world may be opened for the unbreakable bond between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel.
<b>Wed 14 Jan</b>	Pray for wisdom for the Israeli government—that it may be guided by God and remain committed to the nation’s best interests. Pray also that they will not unjustly bow to foreign criticism but will follow its own route.
<b>Thu 15 Jan</b>	After more than ten years EL AL is resuming two daily flights from Tel Aviv to Eilat. This will significantly reduce Eilat’s isolation and boost the local economy. Pray for the recovery of Israel’s economy, which has suffered greatly during the war.
<b>Fri 16 Jan</b>	Pray for everyone who has made aliyah. Besides needing to learn a new language, they also have to find jobs. Pray that this will go well.
<b>Sat 17 Jan Sabbath</b>	At the end of October a delegation of some thirty Christian leaders from ten African countries visited Israel for a short visit. This was at the invitation of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs to encourage and equip the African Christians who are often quite pro-Israel. Give thanks for these Christians who have a heart for Israel in Africa and pray for their protection.
<b>Sun 18 Jan</b>	In Zechariah 6:13-14 we read that Messiah will build the Temple of Jerusalem and that people will come from far away to help building the Temple. Let us pray that the praise may sound in its full extent from God’s house, where He will dwell.
<b>Mon 19 Jan</b>	On October 7, 2025, an incident took place in the United States during which children attacked other Jewish children because of their being Jewish and because they were supposedly involved with the war in Gaza. Pray for protection of Jewish children worldwide against antisemitism.
<b>Tue 20 Jan</b>	Despite the fact that the war has ended, Israel is still excluded and boycotted in many areas, for example in the cultural and sports sectors. Pray that this will end.
<b>Wed 21 Jan</b>	Pray that the terror tunnels that have been built in recent years are not rebuilt, but that they will be destroyed once and for all.
<b>Thu 22 Jan</b>	Pray for protection of synagogues and Jewish institutions worldwide. They have increasingly been the target of terrorist attacks.
<b>Fri 23 Jan</b>	Pray for protection of Israel against attacks from the enemies in Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Syria and Iran.
<b>Sat 24 Jan Sabbath</b>	The organization that monitors the Iranian nuclear programme has observed activities around the facilities where enriched uranium most likely is stored. This doesn’t automatically mean that the enrichment process continued, but Iran still poses a danger to Israel in the area of developing a nuclear weapon, because Iran’s wish to remove Israel from the face of the earth has not changed. Pray that Iran will not succeed in resuming the nuclear programme.
<b>Sun 25 Jan</b>	“...I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.” Psalm 26:1. Pray that the entire people of Israel will place their trust in God completely.
<b>Mon 26 Jan</b>	The Bible tells us that knowledge and understanding are important. Pray that Churches will continue to study the Jewish roots of the Bible, so that we as Christians can understand the Bible better.
<b>Tue 27 Jan</b>	Pray for a good relationship between Jews and Christians in Israel. Pray that there is openness to talk and listen to each other.
<b>Wed 28 Jan</b>	The Church has a painful history with the persecution of Jews and forced conversion. Pray for humility within the Church.
<b>Thu 29 Jan</b>	Give thanks for the fact that Christians for Israel recently celebrates its 45 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Give thanks for the blessings that have come from this work, but especially for God’s help and protection. Give thanks for all those who are involved in the ministry worldwide.
<b>Fri 30 Jan</b>	The restoration of Israel and the battle for it among the nations is very much connected to the coming of Jesus and His Kingdom of peace and righteousness. Let’s always keep this in mind when we pray for the future of Israel as a land and a people.
<b>Sat 31 Jan Sabbath</b>	“Be patient then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming.” (James 5:7-8). Let us take this exhortation and encouragement to heart, and realize that we may expect Him Who will make all things new, especially in the restless time we live in.