



Shalom,

An important topic in this prayer calendar is the threat posed by Iran. Iran has been working towards the total destruction of Israel since 1979 and has now announced that they will annihilate Israel by 2040. The laws/decrees of the Medes and Persians could not be changed (Daniel 6:9, 13 and 16) and neither can this modern-day Persian decree. Queen Esther successfully pleaded with King Ahasuerus for the lives of her people (Esther 5:8). The preceding law (Esther 3:13) could not be reversed but neither could the new law (Esther 8:8). The new law did give the Jews the right to defend themselves (Esther 9:10 and 16). It was a restrained revenge. During the coming months, pray that this modern-day Iranian law/decreed will be made powerless, pray for a new Purim miracle! Nothing is impossible for the Lord God and our prayers are a powerful weapon in the spiritual battle being waged over Israel.

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The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

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Sun 1 Aug	Intercession starts with God. God makes His will known to us through His Word and we pray God's will back to Him. Pray for open eyes and a heart to follow God's will.
Mon 2 Aug	Give thanks that a new government has been formed in Israel. The government is made up of parties whose positions on many issues are far apart from each other. This will make it challenging for the government to remain standing. Pray for wisdom and insight for the new government.
Tue 3 Aug	There are no ultra-orthodox parties in the new Israeli government. Although these parties sometimes hold extreme positions, for example on the issue of compulsory military service, these parties did slow the far-reaching secularization of Israel. Pray that they will be able to continue this influence Israeli society even though the parties are no longer in the government.
Wed 4 Aug	Although many in Israel have been vaccinated against the corona virus, there are still regular outbreaks. Pray for the protection of Israel from the virus and that the right decisions will be made regarding measures to slow and halt its spread.
Thu 5 Aug	Pray that the emotional and physical damage caused to Israel by Hamas during the war in May will be restored. Pray that destroyed houses can be rebuilt quickly. Also pray for comfort for all those who have lost loved ones to the rocket attacks.
Fri 6 Aug	"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." (Proverbs 11:25) Besides those who took to the streets to riot during the war, there were others who took to the streets to plead for peaceful co-existence. Pray that such initiatives will grow in Israel and that living together peacefully will become more and more common.

Sat 7 Aug Sabbath	During the war, Israel was able to cause significant damage to Hamas' military bulwarks. Pray that this damage will be permanent and that it will make Hamas less effective.
Sun 8 Aug	Arabic countries and terrorist organizations first tried to destroy Israel by military force and when that failed, by economic means. This failed too. Now they are trying diplomacy and the courts, while continuing to employ the first two methods. Pray that now Israel is being attacked on all these fronts they will "lift their eyes to the hills" and know that "their help is from the LORD." (Psalm 121).
Mon 9 Aug	The Mossad, the Israeli secret service, is going to have a new director. David Barnea will succeed Yossi Cohen. Pray for a blessing over the new director's work. The Mossad is extremely important to Israel's defense against hostile attacks. Pray that the Mossad will be able to prevent many attacks and that Israel's enemies will be dealt with.
Tue 10 Aug	The chairman of the Jewish Agency, Isaac Herzog, is the new president of Israel. Pray for a blessing over Herzog's term. Pray that he will promote unity among Israelis.
Wed 11 Aug	Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett recently spoke with Egyptian President Abdul al-Sisi for the first time. It was a good talk. Pray for good relations between the two countries and that Egypt will support Israel and act as an ally.
Thu 12 Aug	Pray for a blessing over Israel agriculture. Thanks to inventions such as drip irrigation Israel has been able to minimize the negative effects of the dry climate. Pray that large amounts of fruits and vegetables will be grown in Israel this year for the domestic use and for export.
Fri 13 Aug	Formosan super termites have recently been found in Israel. The termites can cause huge damage to water and electrical infrastructure as well as to local ecosystems. Israel is working hard to exterminate these termites. Pray that their efforts will be successful.
Sat 14 Aug Sabbath	Due to the changing political situation in Israel, Israeli's living in Judea and Samaria are worried that residential construction may soon be halted and other restrictions implemented. Pray that God will strengthen Judea and Samaria.
Sun 15 Aug	"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7) More and more Hamas is trying to infiltrate Arab cities in Israel to convince both Arab Muslims and Arab Christians to support them. Pray that this process will be stopped and especially that Arab Christians will not go along with this.
Mon 16 Aug	Israel has been investing heavily in cyber security. This is badly needed, because Israel is experiencing increases in cyber-attacks. Pray that the investments will deliver a good return and that Israel will have strong security in this area.
Tue 17 Aug	Elvira and Naim Khoury are an Arab couple who are pastors in Bethlehem. In a setting where there is much hate from the Arab side towards the Jewish people, Naim and Elvira bring a message of hope and blessing Israel. Every summer Naim and Elvira organize summer camps with their church for Arab children in the area. Pray for a blessing over these camps.
Wed 18 Aug	Also pray for protection for Elvira and Naim's church. They are frequently targeted in terrorist attacks. Pray that they may be a blessing to everyone around them and that more Arab Christians will stand with Israel.
Thu 19 Aug	Iran is investing large amounts of money with the goal of Israel's destruction. They do this via their nuclear program, but also by buying weapons and rockets for Hamas so that they can attack Israel. Pray that the finances Iran is using to fund this project will dry up.
Fri 20 Aug	A new president has been elected in Iran. This president is being seen as the most extremist president Iran has had yet. The expectation is that he will fully commit himself to expanding Iran's nuclear activities. Pray that this president and his evil plans will be stopped.
Sat 21 Aug Sabbath	There has been an explosion again at an Iranian nuclear installation, causing damage to the installation. Pray that Israel's efforts to stop Iran will continue to be successful and give thanks for the times that they have already been successful.
Sun 22 Aug	Although we frequently read about Iran's hate and animosity towards Israel, there are also citizens in Iran who feel differently and want to support Israel. However there are heavy penalties for

	speaking out. Pray that despite this more and more Iranians will support Israel and pray for the protection of those who do.
Mon 23 Aug	The United States supported Israel during the war with Gaza in May and emphasized the point that Israel has a right to defend itself. Give thanks for this and pray that the United States will continue to support Israel more.
Tue 24 Aug	Despite the war that was going on between Gaza and Israel, the normalization taking place between Israel and the United Arab Emirates has continued. Hamas said that it expected the normalization would stop now but nothing could be further from the truth. Give thanks for this and pray that more Arab nations will follow.
Wed 25 Aug	Israel and South Korea are going to sign a free trade agreement. This will be Israel's first free trade agreement in that part of Asia. Pray that the agreement will be a blessing to both countries and that more countries will follow.
Thu 26 Aug	Pray that more and more Jews will decide to make Aliyah. Many Jews who have been living in the diaspora for a long time are hesitant to move to Israel because it means starting all over building a life for themselves. Pray that these Jews will be encouraged to take this step anyway and move to Israel.
Fri 27 Aug	Pray that the new government of Israel will commit to supporting Aliyah. Pray that it will make it easy for Jews to move to Israel and that the integration programs in Israel will be well organized. (Isaiah 43:1-8)
Sat 28 Aug Sabbath	There is a significant housing shortage in Israel. This makes it more difficult for <i>olim</i> (Jewish immigrants) to find homes. Pray for providence despite the housing shortage and that many new houses can be built.
Sun 29 Aug	Soon after Hamas stopped firing rockets, they switched to fire balloons. The balloons are released towards Israel from the Gaza Strip with the intention of setting fires in Israel. Pray for protection for Israel from this form of terror. (Psalm 54)
Mon 30 Aug	God is a God of miracles, so let us pray that God will work a miracle in the life of Hamas leader Hanyeh Sinwar. Pray that God will take hold of him like Paul in a radical conversion.
Tue 31 Aug	There is much hate against Israel in Lebanon, not only within Hezbollah but also among ordinary citizens. Pray that the Lebanese people will be freed from this hate and that they will position themselves as an ally of Israel.

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Wed 1 Sep	From Lebanon tens of thousands of missiles are aimed at Israel. Pray that these missiles will never harm Israel. Pray for the protection of Israel against attacks by Hezbollah from Lebanon (Psalm 59).
Thu 2 Sep	Pray for the Jews living in Judea and Samaria. Pray for protection against knife attacks, arson, pelting of stones and other forms of terror against them. Shin Bet reported that there would be an increase in these types of attacks.
Fri 3 Sep	In the United States and other Western countries many antisemitic incidents took place as a result of the Gaza war. Pray for the protection of the Jewish men, women and children in these countries and pray for the violence to stop (Psalm 70).
Sat 4 Sep Sabbath	A number of American BDS-organizations (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement) have indicated to pay the legal costs of Palestinian demonstrators who attacked and wounded Jews in New York City. This shows how evil and violent the BDS-movement is. Pray for the protection of Jews against this movement.
Sun 5 Sep	Bible teacher Matthew Henry once commented the Book of Esther: "Although the name of God is absent in the Book of Esther, God's hand is constantly busy to rescue His people." Thank God that He has remained the same God and that He delivers the people of Israel over and over again from the hand of the enemies.

Mon 6 Sep	British Secretary of State Robert Jenrick says that the increase of antisemitic attacks in the United Kingdom is the result of Islamic extremism. Pray that this extremism is tackled. Also pray that Muslims all over the world will start to believe in the God of Israel and in Jesus Christ.
Tue 7 Sep Rosh Hashana	"Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts.'" Leviticus 23:24. Today is the Jewish New Year. Pray for a prosperous and blessed New Year for the Jewish people.
Wed 8 Sep Rosh Hashana	"You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea." Micah 7:19. Many orthodox Jews go to running water on Rosh Hashana. They throw pieces of bread in the water that symbolize the sins being cast in the depth of the sea. Thank God that He wants to forgive the sins of His people and also our sins
Thu 9 Sep	Israel made known that inside the media-tower they bombarded last Spring, Hamas was working on the development of anti-Iron Dome systems. There was great noise about the "Israeli attack on the media", there was hardly any attention for the real reason for the attack. Pray that the correct information about Israel is made known and that false assumptions are removed.
Fri 10 Sep	The German media mogul Axel Springer has raised the Israeli flag on top of his head office. This because of the many demonstrations that were recently held in Germany and during which all kinds of antisemitic slogans were chanted. Thank God for this wonderful message of support and pray that more companies will follow suit.
Sat 11 Sep Sabbath	A survey commissioned by the European Union, shows that in many Palestinian text books, co-financed with European money, hate towards Israel is being preached and many antisemitic views appear in them. Pray that action is going to be taken on that.
Sun 12 Sep	"This is what the Lord says: <i>"I will restore the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his dwellings; the city will be rebuilt on her ruins, and the palace will stand in its proper place."</i> " Jeremiah 30:18. Give thanks that this turnaround became reality for the people of Israel and that there is a Homeland today where they can go when antisemitism in other countries is increasing.
Mon 13 Sep	God calls on us to comfort His people. "Comfort, comfort My people." (Isaiah 40:1) These are moving words that we can put into effect together through friendships, encouragement, and daily prayer for Israel.
Tue 14 Sep	"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted." Job 42:2. Give thanks that we also see this in God's dealings with Israel and that the people are now coming home to their own land. Nothing is impossible for God!
Wed 15 Sep	Pray that Christians will live in the spirit of Ruth more and more. "Your people will be my people and your God my God."
Thu 16 Sep Yom Kippur	Today is the Day of Atonement. In Judaism this day is considered to be the most important and holy day of the year. Pray for a blessed day for the Jewish people in which they may experience God's proximity.
Fri 17 Sep	The series "Why Israel?" will be broadcasted via the first Christian television station of Pakistan, founded in 2006. Via these networks more than 200 countries are reached in Asia, Africa, Europe and South- and North America. This will be the first time that this message about Israel is broadcast. Pray that this series will reach many people.
Sat 18 Sep Sabbath	Pray for health and strength for all representatives of Christians for Israel around the world. Pray that they will have time and peace for this important work and for spiritual inspiration. Also pray for the teams that have been affected by Corona.
Sun 19 Sep	"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11. The Word of God is the solid and reliable base of our intercession. He fulfils His prophetic Word about His people and about His Son. Give thanks for the fulfilment of God's Word.
Mon 20 Sep	Christians for Israel Italy celebrated its 10th anniversary this Summer. At the beginning of July Rev Willem Glashouwer was allowed to travel to Italy to proclaim the message of God's faithfulness in Verona, Naples and Rome. Give thanks for this first journey since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tue 21 Sep Sukkot	Today is the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles. The next eight days the Jewish people lives in a sukkah to commemorate that they were wandering in the desert for forty years under God's guidance. In the coming days we will pray based on Biblical verses about traveling. Pray for a blessed Feast of Tabernacles.
Wed 22 Sep	"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8. Wherever the people of Israel may go, God is with them. He even goes ahead of them! Thank God that He leads the way for His people.
Thu 23 Sep	"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4. Israel's journey was and is not an easy journey. Still, God pulled them out of deep valleys, time after time. Pray for the protection of Israel. Pray that they may find God's consolation even in case of big threats from the outside world.
Fri 24 Sep	"For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully" Luke 4:10. Pray that God's angelic presence will protect Israel all around.
Sat 25 Sep Sabbath	<i>"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."</i> Proverbs 16:9. As humans we think that we have directed our course, but ultimately God decides our way. Pray for trust in God for the way He goes with His people Israel and with us.
Sun 26 Sep	"People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God." Luke 13:29. From the entire world people are on their way to enter the Kingdom. Pray that more and more people will be reached with the message of the coming of the Kingdom of God.
Mon 27 Sep	"So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10. Pray that knowledge about God and His plans with His people Israel will increase worldwide.
Tue 28 Sep Shmini Atzeret	Shmini Atzeret is the final feast of the Feast of Tabernacles. On this day people pray for rain for the next year. Pray for this rain today. Pray that the sluices of the Sea of Galilee can be opened at the end of next year's rain season.
Wed 29 Sep Simchat Torah	"The people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises." Romans 9:4. Simchat Torah means rejoicing with/of the Torah. On this day the Jewish people celebrates that they read the entire Torah during the past year and that they can begin reading all over again. Thank God that He gave His Torah to the Jewish people and that we, through the Jewish people now know the Scriptures as well.
Thu 30 Sep	Wonderful that in the so-called Messianic Psalms, like in the Psalms 2, 110 and 118 the life and ministry of Jesus Messiah is already visible. Give thanks that we are permitted to know that the Light will overcome the darkness, always, even when it doesn't always look like it.