



Shalom,

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12) We see many things for which to thank and pray when we look at Israel.*

*We are thankful that the water level of Sea of Galilee is rising, for important innovations and discoveries being made in Israel, and for Israel's improving international relations. Prayer is needed for the new elections that have been called and for the threats facing Israel and the Jewish people.*

*So let us be constant in prayer, as this verse in Romans 12 says, and continually seek God's face to thank Him and to bring our prayers before Him. We do this knowing that the LORD is near to all who call on Him (Psalm 145:18).*

**Christians for Israel Prayer team**

**June 2019**

<b>Saturday 1 June Sabbath</b>	Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was unable to form a coalition and Israel will go back to the polls in September. The country faces a number of major challenges. Pray for Israel during this political crisis.
<b>Sunday 2 June Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day)</b>	"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they prosper who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" (Psalm 122:6-7). Today is Jerusalem Day in Israel, celebrating the reunification of Jerusalem under Israeli authority in 1967. Give thanks for this great miracle and pray for the peace of the city.
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	A Christians for Israel training conference for Asian Christians is taking place on June 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> . This time it is being held in Nepal, where we recently made new contacts through our Australian C4I representative, Ian Worby. Pray that God will bless this conference.
<b>Tuesday 4 June</b>	The Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast (JPB) is being held from June 4 <sup>th</sup> through 6 <sup>th</sup> in Jerusalem. JPB brings Israeli government leaders and influential Christian leaders together in Israel to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray for unity, brotherly love and commitment to praying for the peace of Jerusalem.
<b>Wednesday 5 June</b>	President Donald Trump is expected to present the peace plan for Israel and the Palestinians after the Islamic period of Ramadan. It is unlikely that the Palestinians will accept this plan, and the Israeli side might not accept it either. Pray that the plan will contribute to peace, regardless of their responses.

<b>Thursday 6 June</b>	Pray that the Israeli government will put its trust in God: that they may believe that He holds everything in His hands and that they are dependent on Him.
<b>Friday 7 June</b>	Give thanks that every month thousands of Jews arrive in Israel to build a new life. Some are fleeing economic problems while others are fleeing anti-Semitism. Many come because they want to experience their Jewishness more fully, without the restrictions that they experienced in these countries.
<b>Saturday 8 June Sabbath Feast of Weeks</b>	Tonight is the beginning of the Feast of Weeks for Jews and tomorrow Christians celebrate Pentecost. Pray that Jews and Christians will have blessed holidays.
<b>Sunday 9 June Pentecost</b>	“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place” (Acts 2:1). Pray that there will be unity between Jews and Christians through the Holy Spirit.
<b>Monday 10 June</b>	“O how love I your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119:97). During the Feast of Weeks, Jews not only celebrate the harvest but also the giving of the law.
<b>Tuesday 11 June</b>	More and more politicians openly support and promote the BDS movement. BDS is a malicious movement, whose end goal is the destruction of the Jewish State. Pray that politicians will recognize the true goal of BDS and pray that they will retract their support of the movement.
<b>Wednesday 12 June</b>	Judaism is often misrepresented in education material. It names Jerusalem for example, as a holy city for Muslims and Christians without mentioning Jews. Pray that the untruths in textbooks will become evident and be corrected, and that these mistakes will not be made again.
<b>Thursday 13 June</b>	Images of and references to Auschwitz have recently been used inappropriately by several politicians and other influential people. They are misused to symbolize the so-called Israeli occupation. Pray that this misuse of the enormous suffering of the Holocaust will stop.
<b>Friday 14 June</b>	Members and ex-members of Palestinian terrorist organizations are regularly invited to speak in western countries – often by politicians – about the situation in the Palestinian territories. The fact that many of these people are responsible for criminal and terrorist acts is ignored. Pray that people will not listen to these terrorists.
<b>Saturday 15 June Sabbath</b>	Give thanks that there are also government leaders who stand up for Israel. It is an encouragement to the Jewish community.
<b>Sunday 16 June</b>	“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). Pray that God will protect and comfort Israel when it goes through difficult circumstances.
<b>Monday 17 June</b>	The Israeli government has said that it will strike the bases in neighboring countries from which Iran is threatening Israel. Several targets in Syria have already been bombed. Pray that Israel will disarm the correct targets and that the strikes will be effective. Also pray that there will be no retribution.
<b>Tuesday 18 June</b>	Pray for wisdom for the military leadership in Israel. Pray that they will not be led by fear of international opinion but stay fixed on their goal of safety for Israel’s inhabitants.
<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>	Pray that Iran will not be able to harm Israel. Iran is trying to infiltrate on all sides: in Gaza, in the Biblical Heartland, and in the north. Pray that there will not be any opportunities for Iran to infiltrate Israel.
<b>Thursday 20 June</b>	Pray that Israel will have access to all the secret intelligence that it needs to effectively respond to the threats of Iran and Hezbollah.
<b>Friday 21 June</b>	The water level of the Sea of Galilee continues to rise. God has been blessing the land of Israel with a lot of rain and meltwater over the past few months. This is a great reason to be thankful!
<b>Saturday 22 June Sabbath</b>	Palestinian leaders and their families regularly go to Israeli hospitals for treatment. Give thanks that Israel chooses to help these people, despite the hate that they often receive from the Palestinian side of the conflict.
<b>Sunday 23 June</b>	“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). Pray that secular Israelis will receive a longing for God.

<b>Monday 24 June</b>	Pray for safety in Israeli prisons. There have been several recent incidents of prisoners attacking and seriously injuring Israeli guards. Pray that such incidents will no longer take place.
<b>Tuesday 25 June</b>	Pray for minorities in the land of Israel, such as the Druze and Bedouins. Pray that these communities will feel at home in Israel and be a blessing to the country.
<b>Wednesday 26 June</b>	There has been an increase in terrorist attacks in the Heartland of Israel. Hamas, which is primarily behind the attacks, has two important goals: To distract (international attention) from the internal protests of the population of the Gaza Strip and to discredit the Palestinian Authority by shifting the blame for the attacks onto them. Pray that the attacks can be prevented and that the power of Hamas will be broken.
<b>Thursday 27 June</b>	Pray for the loved ones of those killed in terrorist attacks in Israel. Among the victims are old and young, children, parents, soldiers and others. Pray that God will comfort the loved ones left behind.
<b>Friday 28 June</b>	Give thanks for Israeli Arabs who are pro-Israel and encourage fellow Arabs to support the State of Israel. One of these is Yoseph Hadad, a handicapped war veteran who founded the organization Vouch for Each Other. The purpose of this organization is to improve relations between Jews and Arabs in Israel.
<b>Saturday 29 June Sabbath</b>	Mount Zion, the Temple Mount, is the mountain of the LORD. Yet there is much unrest now on this very mountain, especially at the Gate of Mercy (the Golden Gate). Muslims want to build a new mosque there and are turning to violence to achieve this goal. Pray that there will be peace on the Temple Mount.
<b>Sunday 30 June</b>	"Then the LORD will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flame by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy. There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain" (Isaiah 4:5-6). Thank God for this wonderful promise for Jerusalem.

## July 2019

<b>Monday 1 July</b>	Pray for the Israeli scientific community. Israeli scientists often make groundbreaking discoveries relating to issues such as cancer treatment and world hunger. Pray that they may make many more discoveries that will be a blessing to the world.
<b>Tuesday 2 July</b>	Every year hundreds of thousands of people visit Yad Vashem, Israel's official national institute for the commemoration of Jewish Holocaust victims. Yad Vashem's work has expanded so much that the construction of a large archives building is being considered. Pray that Yad Vashem will continue to attract many visitors and that the horrific tragedy of the Holocaust will not be forgotten.
<b>Wednesday 3 July</b>	Pray that the tourists who are planning to visit Israel this summer will be a comfort and blessing to the Jewish people.
<b>Thursday 4 July</b>	Israel is often among the first to provide aid in disaster struck countries. Recently there was a photo exhibition on Israeli humanitarian aid around the world at the United Nations. Give thanks that Israel is a blessing to the world and that the exhibition brought attention to this.
<b>Friday 5 July</b>	Important archeological finds are being made in Israel constantly. Valuable historical objects are found nearly every two weeks. All of these objects are pieces of the puzzle of the Jewish history of the country. Pray that many more finds will be made, demonstrating the reliability of the Biblical accounts of Jewish roots in the land of Israel to the whole world.
<b>Saturday 6 July Sabbath</b>	Many in Israel live at or under the poverty line, including one third of Holocaust survivors. Pray that this poverty will end and give thanks that food banks and soup kitchens are able to offer much assistance.

<b>Sunday 7 July</b>	“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere” (James 3:17). Pray for this wisdom from above.
<b>Monday 8 July</b>	Israel and the nations “And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). Over the next two weeks Rev. Willem Glashouwer will visit Australia, New Zealand and the Solomon Islands to proclaim the message of God’s faithfulness to Israel. Pray for health, strength and inspiration for Rev. Glashouwer.
<b>Tuesday 9 July</b>	Both within and outside Israel there are many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are anti-Israel. They try to cast Israel in a bad light and promote allegations against Israel in the UN Human Rights Council and charges being brought against Israeli leaders in the International Criminal Court. Many of these organizations receive enormous sums from governments and churches to finance their work. Pray that the nations will realize that supporting these NGOs is destructive to the State of Israel and that they will discontinue their support to the NGOs.
<b>Wednesday 10 July</b>	The Israeli government recently published a report titled “Terrorists in Suits”. This report indicates that there are thirty terrorists (some of them convicted) who work for organizations who focus on boycotting Israel. Many of these terrorists hold leadership positions within the organizations. The report shows that boycotting Israel is a strategy used by Palestinian terrorists to destroy Israel. Pray that these terrorists will not be able to continue their destructive work and that the boycott organizations will be unsuccessful.
<b>Thursday 11 July</b>	A number of European countries including Austria, Hungary, Romania and the Czech Republic have promised to move their embassies to Jerusalem. Up until now, not a single one of these countries has done so. Pray that these countries will be decisive and courageous and that they will move their embassies.
<b>Friday 12 July</b>	Give thanks for the good international relations that Israel has with several African countries. The presidents of Liberia and Cape Verde and their delegations recently visited Israel to further improve relations. Pray that relations that have deteriorated, such as the relations with South Africa, will improve.
<b>Saturday 13 July Sabbath</b>	Give thanks that President Donald Trump has signed a declaration in which the United States recognizes that the Golan Heights belong to Israel. This is a great encouragement to Israel.
<b>Sunday 14 July</b>	“Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you.” (Numbers 24:9b) Even though he tried multiple times, Balaam was not able to curse Israel. Pray that the nations of the world will also bless Israel instead of cursing it and that they may know that whoever blesses Israel will be blessed!
<b>Monday 15 July</b>	The new president of Brazil is pro-Israel and would like to move the Brazilian embassy to Jerusalem. He is held back however by the Brazilian business world, which has important trade agreements with Arab countries. Pray that despite this he will choose to support Israel and move the embassy.
<b>Tuesday 16 July</b>	More and more economists are visiting Israel. Israel is especially attractive to tech companies. Give thanks for these visits and for this way in which Israel is a blessing to the world.
<b>Wednesday 17 July</b>	To many Christians Israel is so far removed from their personal lives that they have no idea what they could do for Israel or how they could pray for Israel. Pray that pastors and leaders in churches will guide their parishioners in this.
<b>Thursday 18 July</b>	“It is not by using many words that we shall get our prayers answered, but by purity of heart.” (Saint Benedict)
<b>Friday 19 July</b>	Pray that God will use the Christians in Gaza to spread hope in desperate situations.
<b>Saturday 20 July Sabbath</b>	Give thanks for all of the friendships that have grown between Jews and Christians over the past years. For centuries such friendship was rare, but in recent decades important steps have been made in this area. This has been proven possible by listening to each other in love, without expecting the other to change his or her principles.

<b>Sunday 21 July</b> <b>Tzom Tammuz</b> <b>(Jewish day of fasting)</b>	“And when He (Jesus) drew near and saw the city, He wept over it, saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side” (Luke 19:41-43). Today Jews mourn the destruction of the walls of the Second Temple. Jesus had foreseen this destruction when He went to Jerusalem. Pray that Jews will experience God’s presence on this day.
<b>Monday 22 July</b>	Pray for safety and the opportunity to make Aliyah for Jews in Ukraine and other countries. Give thanks for employees and volunteers at the Jewish Agency, Ebenezer and Christians for Israel, who help Jewish people in these countries to obtain travel papers and provide transportation to the airports. Give thanks that churches in these countries have a vision to work alongside these organizations and to provide protection to Jews where necessary.
<b>Tuesday 23 July</b>	Pray that Christians will live in the spirit of Ruth more and more. “Your people will be my people and your God my God.”
<b>Wednesday 24 July</b>	Pray for peace in the land of Israel. Pray that when Israel is threatened from all sides Christians may form a wall of prayer around the country.
<b>Thursday 25 July</b>	Pray that God will give Christians and churches in Europe a spirit of humility and repentance for the centuries of anti-Jewish theology and preaching that contributed to the Holocaust. Pray that this humility will inspire a new solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people.
<b>Friday 26 July</b>	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.
<b>Saturday 27 July</b> <b>Sabbath</b>	When interceding for Israel and for other situations, it is useful to read and put into practice 2 Timothy 3 verses 16 and 17. These verses speak of God’s Word and of being fully equipped.
<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He Who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock’” (Jeremiah 31:10). Give thanks that we are witnesses today that God is bringing His people home.
<b>Monday 29 July</b>	Volunteers will work in nursing homes and hospitals in Israel this summer. Pray for the organizations who recruit these volunteers and that the volunteers’ work will be a blessing to Israel.
<b>Tuesday 30 July</b>	Pray that Isreality, the youth network of Christians for Israel, will continue to grow and that more young people will hear the message of God’s faithfulness to Israel.
<b>Wednesday 31 July</b>	Give thanks that Christians for Israel is able to publish the newspaper ‘Israel & Christians Today’ along with several other magazines and publications. Pray for inspiration for the editors and that they will choose the right topics for the articles.