



**“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” - 2 Timothy 1:7**

*In recent months, a spirit of anxiety has spread across the globe. Intolerance, media attention and selective (dis)information lead to a poisonous climate. How is it possible that we are so easily frightened and silent? We need that divine spirit of prudence, power and love. The more difficult times are, the more we have to calibrate our compass to “God’s Word”.*

Shalom,

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## October 2020

Thu 1 Oct.	As Christians we should realize that our lives do not belong to ourselves, but to God the Father. Make your prayer for Israel a priority. These times of intercession are the more valuable, because the restoration of Israel is a fulfilment of God’s Word.
Fri 2 Oct.	Every Friday evening is the beginning of the Sabbath. The Jewish people celebrate the Sabbath until Saturday evening. It is a day of rest dedicated to God and a day during which family life plays a central role. Pray for a blessed day in which Gods presence and faithfulness will be felt.
Sat 3 Oct. Sukkot / Feast of Tabernacles	Today is the first day of Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles. Pray for a blessing over this holiday for the Jewish People around the world.
Sun 4 Oct. Sukkot	“Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.” (Psalm 111:2) Pray that Christians will be inspired to pay more attention to God’s covenant with His people and the fulfillment of Bible prophesy in our time.
Mon 5 Oct. Sukkot	The book of Ecclesiastes is read during Sukkot. The theme of Ecclesiastes is the meaninglessness of a life without God and the meaningfulness of a life in dependence on God. This dependence on God is symbolized by openings in the roof of the sukkah (booth) that allow a glimpse of the heavens. Over the coming days several verses from Ecclesiastes will be highlighted in this prayer calendar. Pray today that people will experience God’s presence and protection during the Feast of Tabernacles.
Tue 6 Oct. Sukkot	“I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.” Ecclesiastes 3:14. No one can make what God has promised and has done invalid. Give thanks for the mighty deeds that God has done for Israel.

<b>Wed 7 Oct.</b> Sukkot	“Whoever digs a pit may fall into it; whoever breaks through a wall may be bitten by a snake.” Ecclesiastes 10:8. If you cause trouble for others you can’t expect to be blessed. Israel has many enemies who constantly antagonize them. Pray that they will repent and bless Israel and in doing so that they too will be blessed.
<b>Thu 8 Oct.</b> Sukkot	“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, ‘I find no pleasure in them’.” Ecclesiastes 12:1 Pray for all Jewish children. Pray that they may believe in God at a young age. Pray for non-believing seniors as well, that they will also put their faith in God.
<b>Fri 9 Oct.</b> Sukkot	“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10a. Jews and Christians need one another. Not just in faith but also in working together for righteousness. Pray that more and more contacts and friendships will develop between Jews and Christians.
<b>Sat 10 Oct.</b> Shemini Atzeret / Eight Day of Assembly	“If clouds are full of water, they pour rain on the earth.” Ecclesiastes 11:3a. On the last day of Sukkot, the Eighth Day of Assembly, Jews pray for rain for the coming year. Pray that God will bless Israel with rain just as in in the past year.
<b>Sun 11 Oct.</b> Simchat Torah / Joy of the Law	“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” Psalm 119:105. Today celebrates that God gave Israel the law. Give thanks that God gave the law to Israel as a light to their path and that through it Israel can be a light to the world.
<b>Mon 12 Oct.</b>	Pray for unity within the Israeli government. Netanyahu and Gantz are actually rivals, yet now they have to govern together. This is not going smoothly yet, as they cannot agree on many issues. Pray that they will govern more unanimously.
<b>Tue 13 Oct.</b>	Pray for a blessing over the work of the Gabi Ashkenazi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Pray that he will guide Israel’s foreign politics with much wisdom.
<b>Wed 14 Oct.</b>	Israel has named a Bedouin ambassador for the first time. Approximately 200,000 Bedouins live in Israel, primarily in desert areas. On average there is a higher unemployment rate among the Bedouin than the rest of the population. Pray that the appointment of the Bedouin ambassador will be inspiring to Bedouin youth. Pray for a blessing over this ambassador’s work.
<b>Thu 15 Oct.</b>	“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.” Matthew 18:10. Pray for a blessing over the Israeli education system. Because of the corona crisis things have been mostly brought to a standstill. Pray for skill for teachers to help children who have fallen behind.
<b>Fri 16 Oct.</b>	In Malaysia approximately 150 church leaders and study group leaders from around the country followed the Why Israel course online and they are continuing with the Why End Times course. Both are DVD series accompanied by a study guide. Pray that these trainings will have a great impact in this Islamic country.
<b>Sat 17 Oct.</b> Sabbath	“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.” Psalm 107:1-3.
<b>Sun 18 Oct.</b>	“Intercession is not <i>a</i> ministry, it is <i>the</i> ministry.” (Ofer Amitai). The most important thing you can do for Israel is to pray. Pray for the children in Israel. Many of them experience the constant threat from Israel’s enemies at a young age. Pray that they may feel secure with God.
<b>Mon 19 Oct.</b>	Threats come at Israel from all sides but the answer to them is written in Isaiah 54: “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. Give thanks for this promise.

<b>Tue 20 Oct.</b>	Pray for peace along Israel's border with Lebanon. The terrorist organization Hezbollah is a constant threat to Israel there. Recently Hezbollah militants have been trying to infiltrate Israel but Israel has been able to stop them in time. Things are extremely tense at the border. Pray that the situation will not escalate and pray for wisdom for the military units stationed at the Northern Border.
<b>Wed 21 Oct.</b>	In early August an enormous explosion shook Lebanon's capital city of Beirut. 175 people died and there was widespread destruction. Soon after the explosion Israel offered aid to the affected population but this barely accepted by Lebanon because the two countries are officially still at war with each other. Pray for peace between these two countries and that politics will not be seen as more important than humanity. Also pray for the victims of the explosion.
<b>Thu 22 Oct.</b>	Here is an encouragement from God's Word as we pray for Israel: "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27.
<b>Fri 23 Oct.</b>	Terrorists have been launching fire balloons from the Gaza Strip that caused massive fires in the south of Israel. Pray that the land will recover from the damage quickly and that this terror will end.
<b>Sat 24 Oct. Sabbath</b>	"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3. Give thanks that so far there have not been any fatalities or serious injuries as a result of these fire balloon attacks. They have had an emotional impact. The attacks cause a lot of fear. Pray for healing from the emotional damage for the people living in the southern cities.
<b>Sun 25 Oct. Yom HaAliyah (Aliyah day)</b>	"Don't act and then pray, pray and then act." (Ofer Amitai). This quote is certainly true when it comes to offering aid and Aliyah. Without prayer we won't get anywhere. Pray that God will make the way clear for His people to return to their land.
<b>Mon 26 Oct.</b>	Pray for all Jews who made aliyah recently. Pray that they will quickly learn Hebrew and find suitable work.
<b>Tue 27 Oct.</b>	Former Prime Minister Golda Meir said during the tumultuous '60s, "Our backs are up against the wall. We don't even have a wall. We have a sea. The only friendly neighbor we have is the Mediterranean Sea." Since then the Mediterranean has been used by Lebanon in the north and Gaza in the south to infiltrate Israel. Pray for protection from this infiltration.
<b>Wed 28 Oct.</b>	There recently have been a few mysterious explosions in secret facilities in Iran where rockets and nuclear weapons are being developed. Most likely these explosions were caused by Israel in order to stymie Iran's sinister work. Pray for Israel's protection from the threat from Iran.
<b>Thu 29 Oct.</b>	There is a growing support from Iranians in Iran for what Israel is doing to hinder the development of nuclear weapons. The Iranians are angry that government money is going towards nuclear weapons while many live in poverty. Many Iranians are also afraid of a nuclear disaster because Iran is technologically weak. Pray that more and more Iranians will rebel against the regime and that a new government will come that will give up the enmity towards Israel.
<b>Fri 30 Oct.</b>	Pray for Arab Christians in the Middle East. They often have to deal with slander and discrimination from their Islamic neighbors. Those who have converted to Christianity risk being killed. Pray for protection for these Christians.
<b>Sat 31 Oct. Sabbath</b>	At the end of a week or a month read through the prayer calendar again, so that the Lord may draw your attention to something for which you personally can pray and give thanks.

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Sun 1 Nov.	“The foundation of intercession is hunger and thirst for God, a real relationship with Him comes from this. Love God in this way, otherwise you become tired and wander off.” (Ofer Amitai) Pray for a hunger and thirst for God and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Mon 2 Nov.	The Turkish president Erdogan is running several projects through which he is attempting to Islamize Israel. Pray that Erdogan will not be successful in this attempt and pray that instead Arabs in Israel will come to faith in the Lord Jesus.
Tue 3 Nov.	The American [presidential] election is today. Pray that the one who is elected will be a support to Israel.
Wed 4 Nov.	Israeli scientists are developing an ultrasonic technique to combat cancer. They have already made ground-breaking discoveries. Pray for blessing over Israeli medical research and give thanks that Israel is a blessing to the world through this.
Thu 5 Nov.	“Do not grant the wicked their desires, Lord; do not let their plans succeed. Those who surround me proudly rear their heads; may the mischief of their lips engulf them.” Psalm 140:8-9. Pray that all of Israel’s enemies’ plans to harm Israel will fail.
Fri 6 Nov.	Israel and the United Arab Emirates reached a peace agreement with the help of the United States. Give thanks for this special step and pray for good cooperation and that more Arab countries will follow.
Sat 7 Nov. Sabbath	The Jewish Agency (an agency which promotes and supports the immigration of Jews to Israel) expects that a quarter million immigrants will come to Israel in the next three to five years. Give thanks for this prospect and pray that Israel will be able to prepare well.
Sun 8 Nov.	“The true purpose of a ministry of prayer is to create space for God. We find God in Christ (John 17). Hunger for God unifies us.” (Ofer Amitai) In your prayer give honor to God on Whom we are dependent for everything, Who is King over all things and Who is our Savior.
Mon 9 Nov.	There are more and more Jews in South America who want to make aliyah but they are faced with many obstacles. For example, there are fewer flights because of corona and they have to deal with all kinds of extra inspections. Pray that God will provide and that they will be able to make aliyah anyway.
Tue 10 Nov.	God is bringing the Jewish people home to the land of Israel, exactly as He promised in the Bible. Pray that this will become clear to Christians worldwide and that they will give thanks and pray for the return of Israel.
Wed 11 Nov.	Pnina Tamano-Shata, the Israeli minister of Aliyah and integration, has made plans to bring the last 8,000 of the Falash Mura, the Ethiopian Jewish community, back to Israel. Most members of this community are already in Israel. Pray that these plans will succeed.
Thu 12 Nov.	Pray for politicians who stand up for Israel. Pray that their efforts for Israel will be blessed.
Fri 13 Nov.	The World Zionist Organization (WZO) is working on a plan to bring France’s Jewish community to Israel because of the continuing rise of antisemitism in France. Pray for protection for the French-Jewish community and pray for a blessing over this plan.
Sat 14 Nov. Sabbath	Synagogues in European countries and in America are regularly defaced with swastika graffiti. Recently two synagogues in Sarasota (Florida) were defaced on the same day. Pray for protection for the Jewish community and pray that the culprits will be arrested.
Sun 15 Nov.	“The Lord’s intentions for Israel should be our starting point in our intercession for Israel: Not our agenda but His agenda.” (Ofer Amitai) Pray for the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel.
Mon 16 Nov.	Research has shown that one in five Brits believe that the Jews are somehow responsible for the emergence of the corona virus. This is one more of many manifestations of the old idea that the Jews are to blame for the outbreak of crises. Pray for the protection of the Jewish people from this antisemitic ideology and pray that people will no longer believe it.

<b>Tue 17 Nov.</b>	Amazon.com recently deleted books with racist and antisemitic messages from their platform. Although this is a small and positive step in the fight against antisemitism, much more is needed because people can easily purchase new antisemitic books. Give thanks for this first step and pray that these antisemitic stories can no longer be posted or will not be effective.
<b>Wed 18 Nov.</b>	At the end of July an attack on a synagogue in Ukraine was thwarted. The attacker wanted to force his way into the synagogue with an ax but was taken out by the security guard. Give thanks for the rescue from this close call.
<b>Thu 19 Nov.</b>	The peace agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) infuriated Palestinians who felt deserted by the UAE. Pray for Israel's protection against this fury and that it will not lead to terrorist attacks.
<b>Fri 20 Nov.</b>	Signing the peace deal with the UAE means that bringing areas in the Heartland under Israeli authority has been postponed for now. Pray that the right decisions will be made about this in the future.
<b>Sat 21 Nov. Sabbath</b>	Unfortunately terrorist attacks in the form of stabbings on the street and car drivers running into pedestrians with the intent to kill are still weekly occurrences in the Heartland of Israel. Pray that these terrorists will be stopped in time and that the Israeli intelligence agency will be able to prevent such attacks.
<b>Sun 22 Nov.</b>	"My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, LORD, I will seek." (Psalm 27:8) Pray that more and more people will come to seek God's face and to intercede for Israel.
<b>Mon 23 Nov.</b>	On a regular basis archeological digs in and around Jerusalem as well as in other places in Israel provide evidence of the Jewish people's age-old bond with the land of Israel. Give thanks for these digs that show the world that the Bible is God's trustworthy Word and that the roots of the Jewish people lie in Israel.
<b>Tue 24 Nov.</b>	"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14) Give thanks that so many around the world have heard about the Gospel and the Kingdom. Pray that Jesus will return quickly.
<b>Wed 25 Nov.</b>	Please pray for the bi-monthly newspaper 'Israel and Christians Today' and the websites of Christians for Israel. Pray that news about Israel will be clearly explained in the context of the Bible and vice versa; the Bible explained in the context of current events.
<b>Thu 26 Nov.</b>	Because of corona the work of Christians for Israel (C4I) is going forward almost exclusively by digital means but many people are being reached. The teams of C4I in Vietnam and Nepal for example, are reaching large groups of Christians through WhatsApp and other Social Media. Give thanks for this.
<b>Fri 27 Nov.</b>	Give thanks for the Biblical promise to God's people, "...whoever stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you." (Isaiah 54:15b)
<b>Sat 28 Nov. Sabbath</b>	Pray for the youth branch of Christians for Israel, Isreality. Pray that through various channels they will reach many young people with the message of God's faithfulness to Israel.
<b>Sun 29 Nov.</b>	"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8) Pray for all Christians for Israel volunteers and employees worldwide. Pray that they will be inspired and good collaboration.
<b>Mon 30 Nov.</b>	Today Israel remembers that nearly one million Jews were driven out of the Arab countries where they lived after the declaration of the state of Israel in 1948. Nearly all of these Jews went to live in Israel. There are some Jews left in the Arab countries and things are often difficult for them. Pray for protection for these Jews.