



Hoping together, shoulder to shoulder

*As long as the heart
Within the Jewish souls
Yearns forward toward the East
An eye looks to Zion.*

*Our hope is not yet lost
Our hope is two thousand years old:
To be a free people in our land
The Land of Zion and Jerusalem.*

- Hatikvah, Israel's National Anthem

The year 2024 has been hectic and fraught. The consequences of the horrific events on October 7, 2023, and the following war in Israel brought difficult times. First and foremost in Israel, but also in the world. The continuing war raises lots of questions. How long before Israel will be delivered from all enemies? When will God wipe away the tears of His people? How do we deal with the chaos that seems to confuse this world? These are relevant questions. However, let us not lose hope. Our hope is in God, Who remains the same yesterday, tomorrow and forever. Hope is also realizing that even though you don't see it right away, God is standing up for those who love Him. Hope is also holding on to God's Word as the Truth. Holding on to God's Word makes one strong and courageous, as the Jewish people have shown us during thousands of years. Let us - together with the Jewish people - continue to hope and persevere.

Shalom,
The Christians for Israel Prayer Team

December 2024

Sun 1 Dec	'For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you' (Isaiah 41:13). Give thanks to God for leading His people.
Mon 2 Dec	On Oct. 7, 2024, Silent Marches and gatherings were organized in several countries to commemorate the terror attack the year before. Both Jews and Christians participated. Give thanks for the interconnectedness the participants experienced.
Tue 3 Dec	Pray for the remaining hostages in Gaza. Pray for God's intervention. Pray also for the released hostages who suffer from psychological and physical trauma.
Wed 4 Dec	Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers put their lives on the line for the defense of their country. Pray for a blessing upon and protection of all Israeli soldiers.

Thu 5 Dec	The Israeli economy has taken a big hit because of the war. Not only large companies, but also small-scale entrepreneurs are facing financial challenges. Pray for a speedy recovery of the Israeli economy.
Fri 6 Dec	Pray for all the people in Israel who worked in the areas of tourism. Because of the ongoing war, the number of tourists has dropped immensely. Pray that God will continue to provide for Israelis, depending on tourism for their income.
Sat 7 Dec Sabbath	Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun' (Psalm 37:5-6).
Sun 8 Dec	'But as for me, I watch in the hope for the LORD, I wait for God, my Savior; my God will hear me' (Micah 7:7). Pray that the Jewish people find comfort and trust with God.
Mon 9 Dec	There are several Christian initiatives focusing on penance and reconciliation in relation to the horrors Christians have inflicted on the Jewish people over the centuries. Pray for a blessing on these initiatives.
Tue 10 Dec	'See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you' (Isaiah 60:2). Pray that all the nations of the world may see God's light shining over Zion.
Wed 11 Dec	Many Iranians do not support the current Iranian regime and are very positive towards Israel and the Jewish people. It is life-threatening for Iranians to criticize the government. Those who speak up face arrest, torture and death. Pray for the Iranian people and the end of the Iranian Regime.
Thu 12 Dec	The U.S. presidential election took place early November. Pray that Joe Biden, the current president of the United States, will continue to be a trustworthy ally of Israel during the remaining months in office.
Fri 13 Dec	Arab-American news channel Al-Hurra reported that several Arab countries are helping Israel by providing information on the nature of Iranian reactions. This information helps Israel prepare and take precautions for a possible attack by Iran. Give thanks for the help of these Arab countries. Pray that more countries will join in this effort.
Sat 14 Dec Sabbath	'Indeed, He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life.' (Psalm 121:4-7).
Sun 15 Dec	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).
Mon 16 Dec	Pray that Christians will see more of the spiritual warfare taking place around Israel. Pray also that Christians recognize the kingdom of darkness that wants to exterminate God's chosen people. That they will experience the power of prayer in this warfare.
Tue 17 Dec	Pray for the children in Israel who are very vulnerable in times of war.
Wed 18 Dec	Despite rockets being fired daily at northern Israel over the past year, several residents decided not to evacuate. Pray for protection and God's comfort for the residents of northern Israel.
Thu 19 Dec	As many IDF soldiers have been called to serve in the Israeli army, they often have to leave their homes and families behind for long periods of time. Pray for comfort as they miss their loved ones and experience homesickness.
Fri 20 Dec	From June till the beginning of November, Christians for Israel Netherlands welcomed almost 14,000 visitors to their summer exhibition in the Israel Center in Nijkerk. Give thanks for all visitors who came to learn more about God's faithfulness to Israel and His people.
Sat 21 Dec Sabbath	Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight' (Proverbs 3:5-6).
Sun 22 Dec	'May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.' (2 Thessalonians 3:5).
Mon 23 Dec	Give thanks for initiatives of Jews and Christians studying the Bible together. Pray for a blessing on these studies.
Tue 24 Dec Christmas Eve	In 2024, Christians for Israel branches organized several voluntary trips to Israel. Christian volunteers helped Israeli farmers and kibbutzim, and encouraged the Jewish people by their presence. Give thanks for all the volunteers who traveled to Israel during this time of war. Pray also for a blessing on the voluntary trips in 2025.

Wed 25 Dec Christmas Day Hanukkah	'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9:6).
Thu 26 Dec Hanukkah	Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests' (Luke 2:14). Hanukkah started yesterday evening. Pray for a blessed Hannukah for all Jews worldwide.
Fri 27 Dec Hanukkah	'I will exalt You, LORD, for You lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me' (Psalm 30:1). Psalm 30 refers to the dedication of the temple. During Hannukah (celebrating the rededication of the temple) Psalm 30 is being read.
Sat 28 Dec Sabbath Hanukkah	'LORD my God, I called to You for help, and You healed me' (Psalm 30:2).
Sun 29 Dec Hanukkah	'You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; You spared me from going down to the pit' (Psalm 30:3).
Mon 30 Dec Hanukkah	Sing the praises of the LORD, you His faithful people; praise His holy name. For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning' (Psalm 30:5).
Tue 31 Dec New Year's Eve Hanukkah	'When I felt secure, I said, 'I will never be shaken.' LORD, when You favored me, You made my royal mountain stand firm; but when You hid Your face, I was dismayed. To you, LORD, I called; to the LORD I cried for mercy: 'What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it proclaim Your faithfulness? Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help' (Psalm 30:6-10).

January 2025

Wed 1 Jan New Year's Day Hanukkah	Today is the first day of the year 2025. Pray that God will lead us this year in honoring His name and doing what He is asking us to do. Give thanks that our lives are safe with Him.
Thu 2 Jan Hanukkah	'You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing Your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise You forever' (Psalm 30:11-12).
Fri 3 Jan	'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.
Sat 4 Jan Sabbath	'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.
Sun 5 Jan	'May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in You' (Psalm 33:22).
Mon 6 Jan	Pray that the love for Israel may grow and flourish in the Church. Pray that we have the courage to stand up and speak up for Israel and the Jewish people in our respective countries.
Tue 7 Jan	Pray for world leaders. Pray that they are open to God's Word and guidance and His plans with and for Israel.
Wed 8 Jan	Antisemitism has been on the rise since October 7, 2023. Pray that this evil spirit of hate and lies will be defeated.
Thu 9 Jan	Pray for innocent people in Gaza or Lebanon, who are victims of terror organizations. Pray for comfort and healing.
Fri 10 Jan	Since October 7, 2023, Israel has fought a fierce battle with terror organizations such as Hamas, Hezbollah and the Houthis. Pray that Israel will defeat these terror organizations and that their influence on regular people will be broken.
Sat 11 Jan Sabbath	'He shielded him and cared for him; He guarded him as the apple of His eye, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft. The LORD alone led him; no foreign god with him' (Deuteronomy 32:10b-12).
Sun 12 Jan	'May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Romans 15:5). Pray for unity among Christians, including when it comes to the topic of Israel. Pray that Christians will support and pray for the people of Israel in unity.

Mon 13 Jan	A lot of Jewish students faced unsafe or even threatening situations at school or the university. Pray that more fellow students will stand up for the Jewish students.
Tue 14 Jan	The residents of Judea and Samaria regularly face terror threats. Pray for their safety.
Wed 15 Jan	Israel has been fighting a so-called 'Seven-front war'. Pray for safe borders for Israel.
Thu 16 Jan	Pray for unity among the Jewish people in Israel, and in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament.
Fri 17 Jan	Since October 7, 2023, over 31,000 Jews from a hundred countries have made Aliyah. Among them are also a lot of Ukrainian Jews, who have been helped by Koen and Ira Carlier and their Christians for Israel team in Ukraine. Give thanks that God is bringing His children home and pray for a smooth integration process of all olim in Israel.
Sat 18 Jan Sabbath	'This is what the LORD says: 'I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain' (Zechariah 8:3). Thank God for these words.
Sun 19 Jan	'Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens. You, God, are awesome in Your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people. Praise be to God!' (Psalm 68:34-35).
Mon 20 Jan	"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come." Mark 13:3. Pray that the Church is watchful about the coming of Messiah. Pray that Messiah will soon come to establish His kingdom of peace.
Tue 21 Jan	From 20-26 January 2025, Christians for Israel Uganda is organizing an Israel Conference in Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Pray for a blessed time together. Pray also for Jos van Westing, who will be the main speaker during the conference. Give thanks for the C4I team in Uganda and their faithful commitment to bring the message about Israel in churches and via the media.
Wed 22 Jan	Mid-November, a terrible attack on supporters of the Israeli soccer club Maccabi Tel Aviv took place in Amsterdam. Pray that justice will prevail and that more will be done to protect Jews in the Netherlands and worldwide, as antisemitism is on the rise in many countries.
Thu 23 Jan	Pray that people will stand up against the antisemitism of our time.
Fri 24 Jan	Pray for the Jewish communities worldwide. Pray for their safety, that they don't have to hide their Jewish identity. Pray also for Jewish schools and their students.
Sat 25 Jan Sabbath	'For this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you – for whoever touches you touches the apple of His eye' (Zechariah 2:8). Let us pray for a deeper understanding among the nations and in churches that even though we cannot always understand all the biblical prophecies and how current events all fit in, fighting against the Jewish people means fighting against God.
Sun 26 Jan	Pray for blessing on the work of the Corrie ten Boom house in Haarlem, the Netherlands. Many people continue to be inspired by the story of Corrie ten Boom and her family members, who dared to risk their lives to save Jews. Give thanks for Corrie's wonderful testimony.
Mon 27 Jan International Holocaust Remembrance Day	The annual commemoration of the Holocaust will take place today. Pray for all those who survived the Holocaust. Pray that they may experience God's presence on this day of remembering the great suffering during a very dark period in history.
Tue 28 Jan	In Italy, many young people are being reached with the message about Israel by our local team. Give thanks for the involvement of many young people in the work of Christians for Israel Italy and pray that they may reach more and more people through social media and conferences so that they may learn about God's plan with His people.
Wed 29 Jan	During a speaking tour of Rev Cornelis Kant in Chile last October, a Spanish version Why Israel? was presented to the director of the national library of Chile in Concepcion. When the director heard about the message Christians for Israel is spreading worldwide, he immediately requested ten extra copies for all other national libraries in the country. Give thanks for this.
Thu 30 Jan	Normally on this New Year of the Trees many new trees are planted. If this is still happening, we don't know. Pray that cities and villages that are partially destroyed, can be rebuilt and that nature will recover.
Fri 31 Jan	Pray for all the activities of Christians for Israel that are being organized worldwide. Pray that people may come together in safety.